

GUEST MEN IN FINANCIAL WORLD ARE CALLED TO GIVE TESTIMONY IN LEAK PROBE

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Called on Cosgrove.
I left Henry's office. I went to New York and first called on John Cosgrove, in his editorial in the New York World, on the morning.
The interview with Mr. J. Ridgeway was on Tuesday, Jan. 3.
"Where did you see him?"
"In my rooms in the Belmont hotel, New York."
"Did you see Donald McDonald?"
"I spoke of seeing Donald McDonald at the Belmont."

At the Belmont.
The early morning of Jan. 3, I went from the train and sat in the Belmont hotel breakfast room. Mr. McDonald came in and sat at a table across the aisle. He spoke to me. I hadn't spoken to Mr. McDonald for probably 15 years. But he spoke to me and asked me what was going on in Washington. I told him of these things that happened in New York and said I would like to see him. He said he would like to see me. I told him what the chairman had said and he being an old newspaper man and publicity expert, he gave me his advice. I impressed on the confidence which your man had imposed on me, every-thing being perfectly friendly between Henry and myself at that time.
"Unless your chairman said what I said, I am guilty of foul play and unfit to be anywhere outside of a prison."

Much Worked Up.
I was very much worked up about Henry's statement. Lawson said he had agreed on one. He had said, "I would do it." He said it was on it. When I read his statement, it appeared unfair. It looked like he had asked me over and over to give him names and that I failed.
I wanted Cosgrove and Ridgeway to see his story, because they had long experience in handling investigations and he desired to know whether they thought he should give the entire affair or if he owed it to the public to go further.
Representative Garrett objected to repeating his conversations with those men on the ground that it did not tend to cast any light on the case.
The form of questioning was then changed by Representative Campbell and Lawson continued to repeat his conversation with Henry.

Wants to Say All.
I will say, in view of all that has happened here, Lawson declared, it is right that you should hear my difference of opinion—strongly, veraciously—raised it is perfectly clear that one or the other of us is committing perjury, deliberate, rank perjury. This is no syndicate or national bank meeting. This is a meeting of a high committee of congress. The importance then for your committee to arrive at a fair and honest decision and to do that you must hear what I have to say.
Representatives Garrett, Foster and others objected to Lawson's argument. There was a stormy wrangle, during which Lawson shouted that he would be heard fully.

May Tell All.
Chairman Henry ruled that he would be given an opportunity to tell what he wanted.
Lawson resumed his narrative of his conversation with Henry, reiterating the chairman told him the "leak" was too serious for an investigation at this time but that he favored a full inquiry later into the stock market. Lawson said he indorsed that revealed to Henry that he had to do with the money trust in-quiry, though Henry, a member of the committee, was unaware of it.

In Money Trust Probe.
I told him, Lawson said, "that I told you much of the information. I personally paid the bills of the ex-amination upwards of \$40,000, and asked no glory except to appear as a witness."
"Here is a chance," I told Henry, "duplicate that. It is the greatest thing that can be done for the American people."
I went to Wall street and set up a table. The advice Lawson said he gave Henry. "There," he said, "all of the stock exchange members could be summoned with their books and clerks could be forced to reveal the inside of the market."

About Lansing.
Referring again to his conference with Henry, mentioning Secretary Lansing and Bernard Baruch, Lawson said Henry told him the committee had the substance of all of one of his talks at the Biltmore hotel in New York broken and the substance of part of another.
"Blow Off the Lid."
I said to Henry, "Go through it from A to Z." Lawson testified, "and one-third done the lid will be off. Congress will know and the world will know who the hypocrites are that are making millions."
"That was what we talked about in the hours, and a quarter I was with him. He asked me one thing before we met. 'I ask you to do this. Throw the newspaper off the front. We cannot gain anything by letting them know that we are coming back here at 3 o'clock.' I met Mr. Henry again at a hotel. Lawson continued. "He said to me: 'Lawson, I'm sorry that we

can't do what you say. I agree with you that it is a great thing and a good thing and all I regret is that I am going out of office on the 4th of March."

Wanted Quick Action.
"I said that there was time enough yet to do something. Then Henry said that since we had parted in the morning he had thought it all over and that he had come to the conclusion that the matter was too serious to have made public now. He then added: 'What do you say if we get at it again in 30 days?'"
"I said, not at all. It would be sidetracked by that time and we will never have this opportunity again."

How it Came to Names.
"State the way in which the names came to be mentioned first, in your interview with Mr. Henry," said Representative Campbell, republican.
"I entered the room and the chairman said nice things to me. He wheeled up a chair and said: 'Take a comfortable one.' I asked him to have one of my cigars and he asked me to have one of his cigarettes."
"Then he said: 'We've been through these things and let us be fair with each other.'"
"I said to him that I thought his committee would dispute my right to hold a star chamber session of this matter and that I probably should have to talk to the committee. He said: 'No; it's my duty to do this. There are hundreds of things that come before this committee, many of them worthless charges, and it is my duty to sift them and to see whether they should be given to the committee.'"

They Agreed.
"Very well," I said, "but it is understood that we are to think out loud. We shook hands on it and Henry said: 'That's it exactly. What's proper to give to the public or the committee will give and what isn't we'll hold in confidence.' I said that was agreed."
"Now, I said, 'don't ask me to give names of men who have told me things in confidence, and we had a long talk about that and finally he said: 'All right, but some time I am going to have those names or there won't be any investigation.'"

What Henry Said.
"Then Mr. Henry said: 'To show you where you stand, I'll tell you some of the things we've got. We have it that a Mr. Baruch, who made large contributions to the democratic campaign fund, had four conversations with Secretary Lansing.'"
"That's going some," I replied, "four conversations."
"Yes," he answered, "four of them, and then he added: (I forgot to state this yesterday—we have the conversation of one of the interviews and part of the conversation of another.) 'We also have it that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, is so mixed up in it that he made over \$2,000,000. We've got it up to \$2,000,000 now.'"
"Then I said to Henry: 'Mr. Chairman, it does not seem to me that you need me in order to start an investigation.'"

Threatening the Party.
"Then Henry asked me: 'Do you think Baruch could be mixed up in this way, using his friendships in such a way and involving the integrity of the democratic party?'"
"Mr. Chairman," I said, "I think he would be the last man in the world to do such a thing and I will stake my head that Secretary Lansing would not take a postage stamp profit out of such a transaction, even though these things were floating all around him."

Other Leaks.
"Then Henry asked me how these things could happen and I told him that there had been a big conspiracy in Wall street for months and that this leak alone was not responsible. I told him how Mexican war information had been peddled, how situations were made to order, and I said that a man like Baruch in the market, keeping posted naturally, if he unearthed any information through rumor or otherwise and was certain that people would take advantage of the market, would be repeating what he alleged. Henry said to him about Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Bernstorff, Lawson added that upon repeating the rumor about the ambassador, Henry had said:
"Do you think that is possible?"
An extended discussion over whether Henry had said the rumors had come to the committee or if he personally followed and Lawson said he was not certain how the chairman had expressed it.

Henry Didn't Mention McAdoe.
Representative Garrett then requested Lawson to detail just what he said the chairman told him about Secretary McAdoe, a banker and a senator. Lawson insisted that the impression that he had compiled the names with Chairman Henry's statements was an error. That information, he said, came from another source, which he did not name.
"Henry mentioned only Baruch, Lansing and Count von Bernstorff," Lawson declared.
Hadn't Agreed to Ask Names.
Representative Lenroot, republican, said he thought it only fair to state that in the prepared questions agreed upon by the committee and handed to Chairman Henry the names of the cabinet member and the banker had not been asked for but that they had been included in the questions by the chairman when he propounded them to Mr. Lawson. This led up to Mr. Lenroot asking for a detailed account of Mr. Lawson's alleged conversation with Archibald S. White about Pliny Fisk's alleged relations with Secretary McAdoe.
Lawson testified he met White at a hotel in New York some time late in

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December and spoke to him about the rumors of "leaks."
What Banker Told Him.
"I said to White," Lawson testified, "they tell me your friend Fisk is engineering, or superintending, this leak stock gambling affair; that Harvey Fisk's sons are handling this in connection with C. D. Baruch & Co. and that Pliny Fisk is doing the steering. The story is that he (Pliny Fisk) is working with McAdoe and that it's a terrific affair. Do you know anything?"
Controlled McAdoe.
"White said: 'You asked me just in time. I talked with Fisk the other night (at the club, I think he said). He got on this subject and he wanted to show me how he controlled McAdoe and he almost insisted that I go to the telephone with him while he called McAdoe out of bed and maybe ask him to come to New York.'"
"I asked him: 'Didn't you go?' and he said: 'No.'"
Further questioning by Representative Pou caused Lawson to say he understood Fisk had been out late that night and was feeling "quite jolly."
Was He Drunk?
"White did say," Lawson continued, "of course I couldn't go to the phone with a friend when he was in his cups."
"As a matter of fact," suggested Representative Pou, "Fisk was drunk, wasn't he?"
"No I would not say that. He probably had been to his club late and had eaten and smoked a good deal."
"And his tongue got to running?" suggested Mr. Pou.
"Yes, I guess that's it," said Lawson. "Many a man has had the same experience."
Representative Foster questioned

Lawson closely about the letter he produced yesterday from Mrs. Ruth Thomson Visconti, who offered to give him information about a "white house official" in connection with the alleged leak.
"My only reason for putting in that letter," Lawson said, "was because I was asked if I had any other information that had been referred to in questions asked me at the previous hearing. Being under oath and having the letter, I produced it. I had no intention of using it and would not have used it had I not been asked the direct question. I almost regretted that I had the letter with me."
Representative Garrett then asked about the amounts, which Mrs. Visconti told him at his hotel here on Jan. 10. W. W. Price and Secretary Tumulty were reported to have received. Lawson said as he recalled it, Mrs. Visconti said Price had received \$5,000 and Secretary Tumulty a much higher sum.
Representative Patten asked Lawson if at his conference with Congressman Henry the latter volunteered to mention the names of a Mr. von Bernstorff.
"Yes, he volunteered it," said Mr. Lawson. "I didn't ask him for it."
Henry's Suggestion.
Representative Henry, referring to Mr. Lawson's conference with Cosgrove, Ridgeway and others to whom he related the substance of his alleged interview with the chairman, asked Lawson if he thought that was the way to keep a confidence.
"You refused to give those names and your information to this committee and yet you already had told it to several newspaper men and others," said Henry.
"Yes, in confidence," Lawson replied, "because I wanted their advice, and yesterday I begged your committee to

take it in confidence and then to judge whether it was worth being made public."
"The chairman did not want anything given in secret," rejoined Henry, "and the house had prepared papers to cite you for contempt because you wouldn't give the names you already had given to several other men."
Will Not Be Goat.
"Yes," returned Lawson, "I read in the papers of the tortures being prepared for me and of schemes being concocted to force me to take it. It was a deliberate conspiracy to discredit me and I determined, as I declared here, that I wasn't going to be made the goat. Even then I pleaded with the committee to take my information in secret and to see if it was serious and I explained that if you thought it was serious and should be made public, the publication of it throughout the world would be up to you and not to me."
Lawson related meeting Samuel Untermyer and Senators O'Gorman and Owen on a train Sunday, Jan. 7, and how Untermyer had said to him:
Untermyer's Advice.
"You are in close quarters, Lawson, and must handle yourself carefully."
"Then I told Untermyer," Lawson continued, "I would like to get his opinion, and as a result of a talk with him I told you here that I would go to jail before I would repeat what you, Mr. Chairman, had said to me in our interview. Then you said I was free to tell it all, and I said that your attitude was too square and too sporty a proposition and that I did not think I would tell anyway. And I stuck to the last ditch."
Leak Story a "Mirage."
Henry's declaration that he still believed his statement correct caused

represent, were involved in the leak charges.
John O'Hara Cosgrove, Sunday editor of the New York World; Erman J. Ridgeway, president of Everybody's Magazine, and Donald McDonald, publisher of a Boston financial paper, to whom Lawson says he related Chairman Henry's alleged mention of the stock gambling pool; John R. Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal, who published some articles referring to "leaks."
Secretary McAdoe and Secretary Tumulty, both of whom gave out statements vigorously denying intimations against them, agreed to appear voluntarily.
WARBURG SEES NO REASON TO BRING HIS NAME INTO IT
Washington, Jan. 16.—Paul M. Warburg today issued the following statement:
"I fall to see why my name should have been dragged into this investigation. I do not know a thing about the leak machinery or for that matter about the leak except what I have seen in the press. I have not been subpoenaed, but I am anxious to be permitted to testify and have so informed the committee."
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