

### Travis Says He Squeezed Broker in Deal

#### Moral Obligation Sale Cost Fanshawe, Bond Trader's Associate, \$100,000; State Lost Considerably More

#### Comptroller Regrets Act Describes Heartrending Interview With Head of Security Firm Over Price

The "moral obligation sale" to the state of bonds to the par value of \$2,013,000, as a result of which W. S. Fanshawe, broker and business associate of Albert L. Judson, is alleged to have lost \$100,000, while the loss to the state was considerably in excess of that sum, was taken up yesterday when Comptroller Eugene M. Travis again took the stand in the John Doe inquiry being conducted into the affairs of his office.

Mr. Travis told Assistant District Attorney Pecora, who is conducting the investigation, that the circumstances surrounding the so-called "moral obligation sale" marked the only blot on his administration as Comptroller of the State of New York.

"I feel that I squeezed Fanshawe in that deal until I rubbed skin off his nose, and I am not at all proud of the part I played in it. I feel sorry for him after a heartrending interview we had at my New York office. He declared that the failure of the state to make the block of bonds at the price agreed upon entailed a loss to him of more than \$85,000," said the witness.

Deal in City Bonds

In describing the transaction the Comptroller said: "Judson called at my office in October of November of 1919 and said that as the market looked bad he would like to sell me a couple of million dollars' worth of New York City bonds. I told him that we had no money, but would probably have a couple of hundred thousand about January 1, at which time we would take the bonds. The securities at that time were quoted at 94 or 95, I think.

The sale was not put through at the time agreed upon and kept dragging along for months and months. Finally I did what I have been ashamed of ever since. No written contract had been signed, and I took advantage of the seller and squeezed him for \$100,000. That act I consider the one blot on my administration.

The market dropped to around 84 in November, 1917, and on July 18, Baldwin, president of the Empire Trust Company, informed me that his bank was carrying the bonds for Fanshawe. He said that the bank was calling for more collateral on the bonds and that he did not believe that Fanshawe was in a position to put it up. I told him that I would have to take advantage of the advance of a written contract and squeeze Fanshawe and Judson and take the bonds at the best figure I could get, although I knew I was morally obligated to pay 94 1/2. This is the only time I ever made a moral agreement with a man that I failed to keep."

Mr. Travis then described the "heartrending" interview he had with Fanshawe, during which the two hugged and wept over the price the state was to pay for the securities.

"The bonds were then quoted at 84," he said, "and during our conference, which I can tell you was a heartrending one, Fanshawe worked me up to 87 1/2 and there I stopped. Fanshawe declared that the transaction at that figure entailed a loss of more than \$85,000, and indicated that this might ruin him."

"You felt sorry for him, didn't you?" asked Mr. Pecora.

"I felt that I was squeezing him very hard and I still feel that the deal is nothing to be proud of."

"Don't you know," asked the prosecutor, "that the bonds at that time could have been purchased in the open market for about 82 and that in taking them at 87 1/2 you incurred a loss to the state of about \$140,000?"

"They were selling at that price for smart lots but not for a block of the size we had agreed to take," answered the witness.

Obligations in Transactions

Justice Kernochan, before whom the inquiry is being conducted, asked Mr. Travis if he had believed that he was legally as well as morally obligated to take the \$2,013,000 worth of bonds at a price approximately \$140,000 above the market. The witness replied that he saw no difference between being morally and legally obligated. He added that if the transaction had been a private one he would certainly have bought the bonds at the agreed figure of 84, but being a public officer he felt it his duty to save the state as much as possible.

"Then you believed that you were legally obligated to take the bonds at 84?" asked Justice Kernochan.

"I certainly did," replied Mr. Travis. Asked if he had thought of putting the matter up to the State Attorney General for an opinion, the witness said that he had not regarded this as necessary, as there were a number of lawyers in the Comptroller's office and they were of the opinion that the state's obligation in the matter was a legal one.

Mr. Pecora again made persistent efforts yesterday to show that the Comptroller had purchased bonds through Judson at prices above the market. The witness reiterated his statements of Thursday to the effect that he never bought bonds at a figure in excess of the market rate for large blocks, and insisted that the quotations referred to by Mr. Pecora were for small lots of from two to ten bonds.

Police Dogs to Guard The Sleepy Hollow Club

Reports were current yesterday in Scarborough, Hudson that the Sleepy Hollow Club, where Mrs. C. E. Danforth, of this city, were robbed of \$10,000 worth of jewelry Wednesday noon was to be protected against burglars by a pack of police dogs. Officials of the club declined to discuss the report.

It was learned yesterday that when Mrs. Chapman's handbag, containing her jewels, was stolen, the thief pocketed 30 cents it contained before throwing it away. The bag was found on the porch roof. Mr. Danforth's wallet, which was found on the lawn, still contained \$40, however. The burglar took four of Mrs. Chapman's handbags which contained real jewels and which were decorated with imitations.

### Famous Russian Dancers Back on Adriatic



Mme. Anna Raviowa, at the left, and Mme. Marie Cleneva, seem pleased to return to America.

### Cunard Line Will Spend \$30,000,000 On New Piers Here

#### Eight 1,000-Foot Docks To Be Built at Weehawken; City Purposes to Develop Port at Owl's Head Bay

Preliminary construction of two strings of piers to meet increased shipping at this port was announced yesterday by Sir Alfred Booth, chairman of the Cunard Line, and Murray Hulbert, Dock Commissioner. These new docks, part of extensive harbor development plans, are to be located at Weehawken and at Owl's Head Bay, Bay Ridge.

The Cunard Line project at Weehawken calls for the erection of eight 1,000-foot piers and one of smaller dimensions. They comprise the greatest development of recent years in the port of New York and will cost, it is estimated by Cunard officials, about \$30,000,000. The frontage on which the docks are to be erected has been leased from an American corporation, and at present its deep water approach is blocked by a number of sunken scrapped hulls.

Sir Alfred Booth, in his announcement said that the first step in the proposed construction would be the raising of these vessels and dredging preparatory to laying of foundations. Cunard officials have felt for some

time that the dockage at this port was inadequate to meet the rapid expansion of business. When in full operation the new docks at Weehawken will afford facilities for the handling of an enormous tonnage and will give a decided impetus to the port's shipping. City Plans Three Docks

The city's project as outlined by Mr. Hulbert will consist of the construction of three docks 250 feet wide and from 700 to 1,000 feet long. These docks, located at Owl's Head Bay, will be equipped with every device of modern marine engineering to facilitate cargo handling.

Announcements pertaining to the further development of the city's port are expected shortly, when the New York and New Jersey Port Commission has completed its report, which probably will be published next month. This report indorses the Hulbert plans for Staten Island, the East River and the Hudson River. Another port plan, which is receiving serious consideration, is the building of a pier at the entrance to Long Island Sound, north of Montauk Point, instead of the North River Channel.

Engineers Propose Action

Plans which have been proposed for improvement of the port of New York have influenced the American Society of Civil Engineers to arrange a series of meetings to acquaint the public with the vital need for such improvements. The dates of the meetings are October 20, "Local Distribution of Freight and Food Products"; November 17, "Urban Suburban Passenger Transportation"; December 15, "Port of New York"; January 12, "Water Supply and Sanitation"; February 10, "Light, Heat and Power"; March 16, "Streets and Parks"; April 20, "Military Features"; May 11, "Bridges and Tunnels."

### Bedtime Stories

#### Buster Bear Gets Even With Farmer Brown's Boy

By Thornton W. Burgess

Getting even very seldom Proves to be at all worth while. When it does, there's no use talking. It will make a fellow smile.

—Buster Bear.

When Farmer Brown's boy had recovered from his surprise at the sudden flight of Buster Bear, he simply sat down and laughed and laughed. "The old rascal!" he exclaimed. "The old black rascal! He beat me to it in getting the honey from this tree. He must have done it last night, and then, having stuffed himself until he didn't feel like walking, he lay down in that thicket and went to sleep, and I frightened him by drumming on this pail. Well, I got the honey from that first tree and he got the honey from this tree. I guess the thing for me to do is to get over to that third tree and get that honey before he finds it. There is no use in wasting time here."

So Farmer Brown's boy started for the third tree, which he had found a few days before, as you remember. He had not intended to open any of these trees until cooler weather, but the chance discovery of Buster Bear in that first tree had caused him to change his mind. That is what had brought him there so early that morning. He knew just how fond of honey Buster is, and he had no intention of allowing Buster to get that honey, for he felt that it belonged to him. You know those Bees had flown away from his hives in the first place.

When Farmer Brown's boy reached the third tree he went to work just as he had at the first tree. First he captured most of the Bees and got them safely housed in a box which he brought for that purpose. Then he filled two pails with honey. By the time he had done this he was tired. It had been hard work. There was more honey in this tree than in the first one, and both pails, and they were big ones, were filled to overflowing. After resting a while Farmer Brown's boy picked up the two pails and started for home. With every step those pails grew heavier. Finally he decided to hide one of them and come back for it. So he carefully hid the pail under a little low-growing tree and trudged off the other, changing it from one hand to the other to relieve the strain. Now, though Buster Bear had gone crashing off in a great fright, he soon recovered, and then his curiosity got the better of him. He wanted to see what Farmer Brown's boy was about. So Buster stole back very quietly. Farmer Brown's boy was not at all



Two minutes later Buster had his head in that pail and was gobbling that honey, comb and all.

Buster just where he was. Buster stole in that direction and from a safe hiding place watched Farmer Brown's boy open that tree and take out the honey. The sight of that honey made Buster's mouth water despite the big meal he had had the night before. As he watched he grew angrier and angrier. He tried to make himself believe that he honey belonged to him and that he was being robbed. So when Farmer Brown's boy trudged off with the two pails Buster Bear followed.

He saw Farmer Brown's boy put one pail under a little tree and go off with the other. Buster waited a while until he was sure that Farmer Brown's boy really had gone. Then he marched straight over to that little tree under which was hidden the pail of honey. At first he ventured to touch that pail. Nothing happened. Two minutes later Buster had his head in that pail and was gobbling that honey, comb and all, as if he hadn't eaten for a week.

Never had he obtained a feast of honey so easily. There were no bees stinging. All he had to do was eat. And he did eat! When he had licked that pail clean he started for his home deep in the Green Forest, and as he shuffled along he grinned. "I guess I am even with Farmer Brown's boy now," he muttered in his deep, rumbling, grumbly voice.

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### McMullin Acts Fight for Life Before Court

#### Dry Agent Shows How He Battled With Carlton on Fire Escape, Pressed Gun Against Head and Fired

#### Witnesses Uphold Story

#### Accused Officer Admits Arrest in Homicide Case When He Was Fourteen

Two witnesses for the defense of Stewart N. McMullin, prohibition agent, charged with killing Harry Carlton, a chauffeur, testified yesterday before Judge Julius M. Mayer in the United States Court. Their testimony tended to show that McMullin did mount the fire escape outside of 234 East Seventy-sixth Street after his alleged struggle with Carlton, and that unknown persons ran up stairs to the roof and were heard moving about there.

According to the testimony of Patrolman Reynolds, McMullin ran into his arms down stairs in the hall, and said that he had shot a man who had attacked him with a knife.

McMullin said yesterday that after he and Yaselli had proclaimed their identity to Carlton and Carini, and stood confronting them with their badges in one hand and their revolvers in the other, he had gone, at Yaselli's bidding, to get the \$730 from the Carini women, who had run screaming to the fire escape of the front room.

Death Fight on Fire Escape

He said he followed them to the fire escape and the revolver, which was his daughter, Malvina. Five shots sounded from the street, where Yaselli and Reynolds were seeking to attract assistance. He saw Carlton coming from the kitchen. Two men were behind him, he said, with revolvers. He heard Carlton say, "Let me get him," and by the time he had thrown the revolver, he said, Carlton was on the fire escape with a knife in his hand.

He enacted the struggle, showing how his gun hand had slid under Carlton's arm and the revolver had been pressed against the back of Carlton's head. Then he said he fired and let Carlton slip back into the room.

He brushed past the women, he said, and ran up the fire escape, thinking that he was being fired upon and seeking a way of escape. It was locked, so he went to the top floor. He was met by Yaselli called to him to come down.

It was when he did so, he said, that he met Reynolds and Patrolman Neville for the first time that night. When cross-examined by Alfred J. Galley, Assistant District Attorney, as to why he had not made a search for the knife and why he had not hunted the other two men, McMullin said that the officers had told him that they had made a search for the knife and had not found it, and that they had seen no other persons about.

Louisa Lieb, who lived on the top floor, testified that she was awakened by noises coming up the fire escape and that she heard hurrying steps on the roof. She heard no shots, she said, and heard or saw no one trying the fire escape window.

Woman Gives Testimony

Mrs. Yetta Rosen, who lived on the fourth floor, testified that she heard footsteps running upstairs and saw a figure on the fire escape. She and her husband, she said, looked out shortly after that, but saw no one on the fire escape. The prosecution has contended that there were not two men in the room.

McMullin divulged other incidents in his life's history yesterday. He said that when he was fourteen he was arrested with other boys as a result of a rock fight in which a man was killed. He pleaded guilty to involuntary homicide, he said, and was fined \$50 and costs.

Altogether McMullin has testified that he has spent twelve years and five months in different prisons. He said yesterday that while he was in the state prison he was of assistance to 242 prisoners in obtaining their release.

James Shevlin, at that time supervising prohibition enforcement agent for this district, testified that he did not know that McMullin was an ex-convict when he was appointed to his staff, but that he learned of it shortly after and told an agent, Langley, to watch him. He said that he was not aware that McMullin had been issued a revolver, but that he had never told him not to carry one.

The trial will be continued on Monday.

### Weather Report

Sun rises 6:08 a. m.; Sun sets 4:15 p. m. Moon rises 10:20 a. m.; Moon sets 22:30 p. m. Note: The above figures are standard time and not New York State time.

Local Forecast—Fair to-day, to-morrow partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; moderate south to southwest winds.

Local Official Record—The following official record shows temperatures during the last twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding date of last year.

1920 1919  
3 a. m. .... 70 65 p. m. .... 72 70  
6 a. m. .... 72 65 p. m. .... 69 68  
9 a. m. .... 67 61 p. m. .... 63 65  
12 noon .... 74 61 p. m. .... 62 66  
Lowest, 55 degrees at 11 a. m.; lowest, 62 degrees at 10 p. m.; average, 65 degrees; average same date last year, 63 degrees; average same date for thirty-three years, 56 degrees.

Humidity  
3 a. m. .... 61% p. m. .... 53% p. m. .... 50%

Barometer Readings  
3 a. m. .... 30.11 p. m. .... 30.13 p. m. .... 30.12

General Weather Conditions  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The disturbance that moved northward to Lake Superior yesterday, followed by showers within the last twenty-four hours in the western lake region, the Mississippi Valley, the central and southern parts of the United States. The following heavy rainfall was reported in Texas:  
Palo Alto, 7.5 inches; Galveston, 2.2; Corpus Christi, 2.2. There were also local rains in the northern plateau region and extreme southern portion of the States. The temperature was somewhat lower Thursday in the Mississippi Valley, but it continued above normal to the eastward. The winds were from the west to the south in the lower lake region and Saturday and Sunday in the east Gulf states. Otherwise mostly fair weather will prevail Saturday and Sunday in the states east of the Mississippi River.

District Forecasts—Eastern New York—Fair today except probably showers in extreme north portion, to-morrow partly cloudy and much cooler in temperature. Northern New England—Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair to-day to-morrow partly cloudy, probably showers, not much change in temperature. Southern New England—Fair to-day and probably to-morrow, somewhat warmer to-day. Western Pennsylvania—Partly cloudy to-day, probably showers near Lake Erie.

# JOHN WANAMAKER

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Already trees, gardens and fields are busy taking off their summer clothes and putting on their autumn garb.

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The next high wind or stormy day will mightily change the beautiful landscape of yesterday. Almost all of our new fall goods were bought since the store nearly emptied itself by its memorable sweep out of stocks in the first half of the year, and we were, therefore, left free and open to take advantage of lower costs in replenishing in August and September for our present large October sales.

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(Signed) John Wanamaker October 16, 1920

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#### WOMEN'S SHOES AT \$9.25

New price effective today is much lower than this grade has sold for within several years. They are the comfortable, conservative, built-for-service shoes that business women, school and college girls wear. Complete range of sizes from 2 1/2 to 8—AA to D widths.

Tan and black calfskin, medium toes, perforated tips and Cuban heels.

All-black kidskin, medium toes and Cuban heel. Heavily grained, that combines the otherwise straight silhouette.

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### GIRLS

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—one frock of tricotine features a diagonal line across the bodice and is faced with duvetyne in color—very simple and most attractive;

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Fifth Floor, New Building.

### MEN

#### KENNETH DURWARD LONDON Overcoats are down to \$49, \$59, \$69, \$79, \$89—about a third below their normal prices.

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MEN'S SHOES, \$7.75—third less than today's price.

Tan and black leather in binner or laced style; some have full toe; single and heavy double soles; sizes 7 to 10 1/2, in widths A to D.

Glasgow grain brogue low shoes are included—smart, snappy for college or business wear; perforated wing tip and heel foxing, heavy sole; sizes 6 to 10, widths A to C.

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