

Market Graft Inquiry Laid to Food Trust Spite

Witness at Probe Conducted by Hirschfeld Accuses "Interests" of Inciting Legislative Investigation

O'Malley Called a Victim

Miller Is Charged With Unfair Tactics: Day Charges Ousting to Hylan Politics

Pending the resumption of the hearings this morning in the Meyer legislative committee's investigation of the city administration, Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld yesterday continued to fill in the breach with statements and his counter-probe.

Raymond Smith, a former investigator for the Federal Trade Commission, who was the Commissioner's star witness, again launched into an attack of the "food trust" which he holds responsible for the Meyer committee's inquiry into the Markets Department.

Smith said that Commissioner of Markets Edwin J. O'Malley was being attacked because he had opposed the selection of George E. Hogue as head of the Farms and Markets Council last May. He asserted that Hogue was the choice of Governor Miller for the place, adding that O'Malley had been approached by persons, who he refused to name, with the proposition that if O'Malley would vote for Hogue his department would not be probed by the Meyer committee.

Smith explained that Governor Miller incorporated the council in the Department of Agriculture last spring, the council consisting of eleven members. When the election to the council was held on May 11 last, Smith said that Governor Miller and Senators Lusk and Knight favored Hogue, but that O'Malley, who was also a member of the council, succeeded in splitting the Republicans. Dean A. R. Mann, of Cornell University, Raymond Pierson, of Iowa, Iowa, and Judge Bertram Pyke, of Port Henry, N. Y., were successively appointed head of the council, but all refused. Hogue, he said, was then appointed in default.

When Commissioner Hirschfeld asked Smith if Governor Miller was connected in any way with the food interests

Man Hangs Self When Caught Begging for His Grandchildren

Frederick Reuhle, seventy-four years old, of 208 Starr Street, Brooklyn, charged by his son-in-law, David Johnson, of 8 Poplar Street, with vagrancy, hanged himself yesterday from the railings of Public School 162, Suydam Street and Willowby Avenue. He was known by children in the neighborhood as "Grandpa." Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Reuhle's daughter, told Magistrate Short when the case against her father was called in Gates Avenue court yesterday that he was dead. "He could not stand the disgrace," she said, speaking of the charge.

Mrs. Johnson lives at the Starr Street address. She told the magistrate her husband left home several weeks ago after a quarrel over Reuhle living with the family. Her children, Rosie, ten years old, and Marjorie, eight, adored their grandfather and he was fond of them. After her husband left, Mrs. Johnson said, she was compelled to seek employment because she had no money. While she was looking for work "Grandpa" took care of Rosie and Marjorie. Mrs. Johnson went as

Smith said he had detailed reports in Washington involving the Syracuse Republican organization, of which Governor Miller is chairman, in transactions with the food interests.

On the basis of the stories which Smith was willing to tell the Meyer committee about the Department of Markets and the kind of testimony he is now giving Commissioner Hirschfeld, Senator Meyer says that "any one will realize that Commissioner Hirschfeld is up to his old tricks of attempting to draw a red herring across the trail."

"We do not propose to allow him to get away with it," adds the Senator. Smith made some other suggestions for investigation, including a visit to the home of Dr. Jonathan C. Day, former Commissioner of Markets, by a Mr. Malloy, alleged confidential agent of O'Malley, shortly after Day's retirement.

Dr. Day, in a stinging broadside at Mayor Hylan and O'Malley, denied yesterday that the charges had anything to do with his removal from the Department of Markets by the Mayor. He said he was removed immediately upon his dismissal of O'Malley and Smith as Deputy Market Commissioners after a proposal was made to him to graft the \$300,000 surplus accumulated from the army food sales.

Dr. Day, in the course of a statement, added:

"The fact that I removed O'Malley and Smith after corrupt proposals to me and the fact that Hylan immediately removed me and appointed O'Malley as my successor and at the same time suggested to O'Malley that he reappoint Smith as a Deputy Commissioner are significant of the Mayor's purpose to keep the Department of Markets under the control of those who would do his bidding."

"Incidentally the Bennett charges had nothing whatever to do with the army food sales, concerning which Hirschfeld pretended to make an investigation long after I was out of office. Hirschfeld never requested me to testify at any time concerning any of the details of the army food sales in the so-called investigation, in which his purpose was to whitewash O'Malley."

"It was evident to me that Hylan, Hirschfeld, O'Malley and company were convinced that I stood in their way. Not daring to render a decision against me on the Bennett charges in the light of the evidence presented, Hylan removed me summarily and without a hearing because I had exposed and removed O'Malley and Smith."

"In the light of subsequent history my removal from office by Hylan is a significant distinction.

"It is not strange that Hylan should

she related how Mr. Reuhle had gone out the street and begged. "He bought fruit and bread and butter with the money," Mrs. Johnson sobbed. "When I reached home he had spent the few cents a woman gave him in things for the children to eat."

She had tried to cheer her father after finding him in a state of dejection over the vagrancy charge preferred by his son-in-law, but for several days he had not spoken, except to the little girls. When children living nearby, who were fond of him, called Sunday afternoon to see him, he sent Marjorie to tell them he "did not feel well enough to play."

Reuhle's body was found hanging from the public school picket fence early yesterday by Casper Winkler, of 1255 Willow Street, Brooklyn, who was on his way to work.

The charge made by Johnson against his father-in-law is said to have been due to the former's indignation over Reuhle's begging to get food for the children. A report for an investigation for the Children's Society, submitted to Magistrate Short, substantiated Mrs. Johnson's story.

now refuse to suspend O'Malley for graft in his department, which has been testified to before the Meyer committee, in view of the fact that Hylan appointed O'Malley as my successor after I had revealed to Hylan that O'Malley was involved in the graft proposition to divide the large surplus accruing from the army food sales.

Market Aid's Account Methods Puzzle Court

Not Sure of How Much He Collects, Deputy Inspector Says: the Payroll Is a Mystery

The unique method of accounting employed by Benjamin Gottlieb, Deputy Inspector of Markets, was disclosed by the questions of Magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan in Essex Market Court yesterday. Gottlieb appeared before the magistrate as a complainant against Max Schloss, of 202 Irvington Street, who refused to remove a stand from the front of that address.

Gottlieb testified that he got \$1 each week for every curb merchant in his district, as permitted by law.

"How much do you collect each week?" asked Magistrate Corrigan. Gottlieb was not sure of the answer to this question.

"To whom do you turn the money over?" queried the magistrate. After several explanations Gottlieb finally admitted he did not turn the money over, but just a report, and that the money collected went to defray expenses of "assistants and labor."

"Well, then," persisted the magistrate, "how many assistants do you have?"

"The number varies from week to week," replied Gottlieb.

"Oh, I see," said Magistrate Corrigan. "The number of your helpers varies with the size of the collections, but in any event you make the accounts balance, is that right?" Gottlieb admitted that it was.

After further questioning Gottlieb protested that Magistrate Corrigan had no right to question him about the collection of money. He said the Commissioner of Markets was the person to see about it. Schloss, who has four children to support, testified that he had offered his dollar each week to Gottlieb, but the latter had refused it the last two weeks. Gottlieb told Magistrate Corrigan he had refused it because Schloss was "nasty." Sentence of Schloss then was suspended.

British Troops In India Kill 700 Moplahs

Refugees Tell Pitiful Stories of Looting and Torture at Hands of Frenzied Rebel Tribesmen

Search Caused Uprising

Flame Fed by Hatred of Mahometans for Hindus and Religious Fanaticism

CALCUTTA, India, Aug. 29 (By The Associated Press).—Nearly 700 members of the insurgent bands which have been creating disorders in the district south and southwest of this city have been killed in fights with British forces sent to quell the uprising. Many Hindus have been massacred.

British troops are being brought southward from Cannaure, a military station on the Malabar coast north of this city, and will be thrown into the troubled districts to quell the uprising of the Moplah tribes in the neighborhood of Ponani.

British troops, including cavalry, arrived here from Bangalore Sunday and proceeded to the disturbed area.

Refugees who have arrived here from the Ernad district relate pitiful tales of torture and looting. It appears the rebels have deserted Tanur and other places and have taken to the hills.

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Germans Losing Trade: Can't Deliver Goods

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—German competition in the field of foreign trade is showing signs of weakening, Secretary Hoover said today. The Germans are having difficulty in handling business obtained through their attractive price quotations.

In particular, the secretary explained, the Germans are finding it impossible to produce goods up to their pre-war quality, and are unable to execute large numbers of contracts. In Argentina, he said, the Germans were compelled to throw up a contract for large quantities of steel which they could not deliver.

Tirurangudi under the Moplah outrages act, a party of police and troops was sent there. It was during searches made by this party that determining attacks were made from two sides by armed bands from various adjacent districts.

The magistrate adds that evidence of these searches and arrests were made under legal warrants, and in conformity with law, was the signal for an outburst of fanaticism throughout the district, first against the European officials and later against the Hindus.

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Delay in Reply Inspires Peace Hope in Dublin

Public and Castle Cheerful as Sinn Feiners Consult: De Valera Expected to Heed Outsiders' Advice

Truce Broken in Belfast

Two Killed, 6 Shot During Wild Firing in Streets; Camp Plans Food Strike

DUBLIN, Aug. 29 (By The Associated Press).—The republican ministers were busy today consulting together and also with their supporters concerning the Irish situation, but it was officially announced at 6 o'clock this evening that no reply to the latest communication of David Lloyd George, the British Premier, would be sent to London to-night. One report was that action might not be taken before Wednesday.

Officials at Dublin Castle and other persons interested in the success of the peace negotiations seemed unperturbed to-night over the delay in replying to Mr. Lloyd George. It was admitted at the Castle, which generally has received early news of any decisions the Dal Eireann is to make, that it was not known what the latest reply of Mr. de Valera and his followers would be. Optimism, however, prevailed at the Castle, and likewise among a large section of the public.

Outsiders Guiding De Valera

It is considered probable that the reply drafted by the Cabinet may be altered to some extent on the advice of persons outside the Dal Eireann. It has been alleged that Mr. de Valera's previous letter to the Premier was "flooded" down before it was sent to London.

The delay in sending the reply to the latest message from the British Premier for it is believed the cabinet already has decided what it will say—has caused much curiosity here. It is due, it is thought, to the refusal of the republican cabinet to be rushed by Mr. Lloyd George.

News from London this morning said the British government had decided upon a general election should the Irish republican cabinet refuse its offer. Should this occur, although it is not expected here that it will become necessary, the Sinn Fein would nominate a candidate in each constituency for the imperial Parliament under the Home Rule act, and, as these candidates would undoubtedly be elected, could put this forward as really being the result of a plebiscite on the British terms.

The disturbances in British India are

being made much of here, and the belief is expressed in high Sinn Fein quarters that England will find herself so busy there she will be willing to leave Ireland alone.

The announcement that Michael Collins, the Sinn Fein Minister of Finance, intends to speak in Armagh next Sunday is considered here as an indication that the Sinn Fein intends to carry the battle for a united Ireland into the "enemy's country."

Collins was elected to the Northern Parliament for Armagh, but Armagh is the center of the Orange organization. It was said to-night that if Mr. Collins achieved any success De Valera and Arthur Griffith, who also represent Ulster constituencies in the Northern Parliament, may follow suit. The move of Collins is considered here to be a dangerous one, the belief prevailing that his visit to Ulster may be resented by the Ulsterites and lead to trouble.

BELFAST, Aug. 29 (By The Associated Press).—Rioting, accompanied by shooting and bombing, which broke out

at mid-day to-day in North Queens Street and along the New Lodge Road, and was renewed later in the afternoon, brought about the death of two persons—a visitor to the city and a shipyard worker. Six others were wounded.

Armored cars were summoned to patrol the locality when the rioting started. There was a period of calm upon their arrival, but disorder broke out again later, accompanied by wild firing, which made the streets extremely dangerous for pedestrians.

Building Strike Ends

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—A four months' tie-up in the building industry in San Francisco ended to-day, when several thousand union craftsmen returned to work on the employers' terms, which included a cut of 7 1/2 per cent in wages. The union men voted to return as individuals on the best terms they could obtain.

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