U. S. FLEECED ON WAR BIDS IS PROBE CHARGE

Graham Claims Government Deprived of Millions of Dollars

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 13.—Representative Graham, Republican, Illinois, chairman of the select committee investigating expenditures by the War Department, in a speech today in the House reiterated charges he made recently that interests of the Government in many war claim settlements have not been sufficiently guarded, adding that "in many cases the Government has been deprived of large sums of money to which it rightfully is entitled."

Contractors Get Big Sums

Large sums have been allowed contractors through unfair salvage values for raw materials, and Government officials charged with the responsibility of adjusting claims have not exercised sufficient vigilance in protecting Government interests, Mr. Graham charged. He urged submission of all claims settled or pending with the War Department to an impartial board for review and final settlement.

"From Secretary Baker's report of settlements," Chairman Graham said, "the original answer was erroneous and the committee instructed an accountant to review the figures given by the Secretary. After an extended investigation, the accountant reported that the amounts expended by the War Department, as given by Secretary Baker, are off balance from $171,582.37 as a minimum to $184,945,938 as a maximum."

Fifty per cent. of "informal contracts suspended by the armistice have been adjusted with damages to the War Department, Representative Graham continued.

On the settlement of the American Can Company's contract the speaker said, the "government lost fully 17 per cent. on $867,732, the cost of tin plate or $147,514 more than it should have lost."

Representative Graham attacked the method of sale by the War Department of 100,000,000 pounds of surplus copper held when the armistice was signed. Copper producers, he said, were paid large sums in excess of correct amounts due for government copper during the war.

COMMITTEE APPROVED

City Council to-day approved the fire safety committee appointed by the Good Will Fire Company. On the committee are: Stephen Cupples, Sr., George McMechen, Sr., Harry Smith, Joseph Campbell and Michael Hoffman.

ADVANCE TIPS ON DECISIONS OF COURT PROBED

Alleged "Leaks" at Washington Admitted by Department Official

Washington, Dec. 16.—Announcement is made by the Department of Justice that an investigation is being made of reports of alleged "leaks" on Supreme Court decisions by which speculators had attempted to profit in stock market transactions.

"Captain Burke, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, dictated to newspaper men the following statement, which also was taken by a stenographer in Mr. Burke's office:

"On November 23, Mr. Marlin Pew, manager of the International News Service, of New York, came to Washington and consulted Chief Justice White, of the Supreme Court, in regard to recent alleged leaks in the Supreme Court's decision on the Southern Pacific Oil Land cases. Chief Justice White then came to Judge Ames and asked him to investigate a report by Mr. Pew that a friend had talked to him and had said that he had been approached by a Mr. B. E. Moses with offices in the Munsey building, Washington, in regard to alleged profiting by tips on Supreme Court decisions.

TRYS SUICIDE

New York, Dec. 16.—Although reputed to have been worth $2,000,000 at one time and known in England and other European countries as a wealthy sportsman, Capt. Clarence L. Wiener, who attempted suicide here last night by shooting, appears to be in straightened circumstances.

Wiener is in a hospital here to-day with a pistol shot wound just below the heart. His condition is said to be critical.

75TH SHIP LAUNCHED

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—The 7,825-ton cargo carrier Collemar, Hog Island's seventy-fifth ship, which was named by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, was launched to-day. Miss Catherine Elizabeth Fortune, of Collingswood, N. J., was the sponsor.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

Huntingdon, W. Va., Dec. 16. — Two negroes, accused of murdering E. D. Moek, a resident of Island Creek, Logan county, were taken from a train at Chapmanville, lynched and the bodies thrown into Island Creek, reports here say.

Island Creek is in the Guyan coal field region and Chapmanville is

MOTHERS SEEK AID FOR SICK BABIES

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followed by a boy about 15 using crutches also.

As the invalids and cripples, many suffering from pain for years, walked by they formed a pitiful spectacle of the awful ravages of disease. The sympathy shown for each other was remarkable, and at no time was there any disorder or any attempt to push or crowd.

Afflicted Are Patient

Each afflicted person waited patiently for the call to go into the church, and then to step up to the chancel rail and kneel.

Several childre cried during the first hour of the mission, but Mr. Hickson, unmindful of them, went from one to another, praying first with the sick and then with the relative accompanying the person who came for help. Little children knelt at the rail with their parents and some of the children prayed with their parents.

One man was carried in from the front of the church. He had been brought from a hospital in the city. His wife walked back of him, carrying his crutches. Mr. Hickson prayed for him for a few minutes and he was taken out again.

Girl Is Carried In

One young girl was carried in, and because of the crowds, had been placed just back of the organ. Her sister stood beside her, patiently waiting to have the young girl carried forward. Mr. Hickson learned of them, and slipped out to them. In prayer he asked "By Thy power, O God, help and heal this suffering servant of Thine.' The elder sister stood with bowed head, praying silently and sobbing. A few minutes later they left.

During the morning Alfred C. Kuschwa, organist at the church, again played many of the old hymns. As some of them were being played on the large pipe organ many were seen praying and in tears. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Nearer My God to Thee," "It Is Well With My Soul," "Just As I Am" and "My Jesus as Thou Wilt" were some of the familiar favorites.

Can See to Read

Before the opening of the mission this morning the Rev. Floyd Appleton asked all who could to kneel in prayer. During these few minutes the organ chimes were played softly.

One of the clergymen, suffering from the loss of the sight of one eye, was at the mission yesterday. To-day he said that he was able to see print with the eye and believed he would be able to use it to read.

Clergy Join in Prayers

To-day the Rev. W. M. Gamble, Marsheim; the Rev. H. Bridgeman, Camp Hill; the Rev. C. E. B. Robinson, the Rev. J. Fredrik Virgin, the Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, the Rev. Henry A. Post, the Rev. Willoughby Parchment and the Rev. F. T. Cady, of Tyrone, were among the clergy assisting at the mission.

Of these, the Rev. Mr. Gamble and the Rev. Mr. Bridgeman assisted at the chancel rail, praying with Mr. Hickson for the restoration of health to the persons who were ill.

Faces Marked With Pain

As at yesterday's mission, old and young, rich and poor, all came with the hope of receiving help through the prayer of the great faith healer. Faces told of terrible years of pain, some of them drawn and worn from the merciless torture of disease.

Many persons walked into the church, apparently in good health, but one glance at the faces showed the evidence of some affliction which had caused much misery. The scene was one of hundreds of persons, all coming to be helped through faith and prayer, looking forward eagerly to the moment when they would be called to go to the chancel and have the healer intercede for them, and in the eyes of many gleamed the hope of restored health.

Come For Many Miles

In their ears sounded the words of the man to whom they came: "Pray for others, forget yourself. The greatest happiness in the world is to ease a suffering soul. Don't be ashamed to pray and don't be afraid to do it. Pray for others. It is a sure way to get God's blessing for yourself."

Leaves For Pittsburgh

Of the hundreds who came to St. Stephen's Church again to-day, many were from cities in other parts of the State, some coming hundreds of miles.

This afternoon Mr. Hickson planned to leave for Pittsburgh. To-morrow he will open a four-day healing mission in the Trinity Church in that city, conducting services to-morrow, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Free of Pain

At least five persons are known to have been helped by Mr. Dickson yesterday during the healing mission. About 500 came to him for help ,and it is believed that many of these have been relieved and some of them cured.

One man who had been a victim of neuritis for seven years came in the morning and shortly before noon was kneeling in prayer with Mr. Hickson. In the afternoon he came back about 3.30 o'clock and said that for the first time in years he suffered no pain. He had been using canes to support himself when walking and he told the healer and clergymen in the vestryroom that he would soon discard them. His weakened condition due to years of pain and suffering prevented him from walking without them but he told Mr. Hickson that it was the first relief he had enjoyed in many months. He said he had undergone thirty-eight special treatments from one physician and had been attended by a number of other doctors, but none had helped him.

Ministers Astonished

Two other women, their bodies bent over by rheumatic pains, came to the healer and prayed with him for aid. They left greatly improved one of them walking almost erect. Her pastor who was present said he could scarcely believe that such an improvement was possible in so short a time. "It is miraculous to see what faith can do," the minister said.

One other woman, an invalid and a cripple for nine years, also was helped and found she could walk without a cane. The fifth person was the woman residing in Penn street, who had not left her home since April, and had been ill for months before that.

Pray For Child

It is believed that at least 1,200 to 1,500 persons were in the church yesterday. The last few to go before the chancel rail and kneel left shortly before 3.30 o'clock. Then a colored girl with her brother came to Mr. Hickson and asked him to pray for their mother, who was critically ill.

Just as the healer was about to leave the church he was told that the parents of a sick child were anxious to have him help them. He asked to have them shown to him at once.

Kneeling on the floor in the front of the church just at the end of the center aisle, father, mother and Mr. Hickson prayed for minutes asking to have the infant baby, lying in its mother's arms, restored to health. In the spacious room were about a score of ministers and physicians, many of whom stood with bowed heads when they noticed the little family group and Mr. Hickson.

Ill and Cheered

At the close of the healing mission Mr. Hickson gathered all the rectors in the front of the church and prayed aloud with them for a few minutes, asking for Divine blessing on the unfortunate victims of disease who had been there during the day. For five long hours Mr. Hickson walked back and forth untiring in his efforts to minister and help. Many who came from the chancel rail after he and the ministers had prayed for them seemed greatly cheered, and the wan, pallid look on their faces, caused by much pain and torture, was relieved.

"If only he can help all the same as he helped me," was the earnest wish expressed by the man who had been cured of neuritis. "I have suffered so long that I know and can sympathize with any one who has any illness. His work is wonderful and it is my prayer that all who need help will believe and by their faith be cured."

SKULSKI HEADS THE NEW POLISH CABINET

Warsaw, Dec. 16.—A new Polish Cabinet, to succeed that headed by Ignace Jan Paderewski as Premier and Foreign Minister, has been constituted, with M. Skulski as Premier.

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