

MR. BATEMAN REITERATES.

The Statements Made in His Former Testimony Are Repeated.

Gen. Swain Wanted the Bankers to Chip in and Help Him.

If They Didn't He Would "Squeeze" Col. Morrow at the War Department.

The Court Decided Not to Go Into the Garfield Fair Accounts.

In the Swain court of inquiry yesterday Mr. Bateman, who was recalled Thursday by Mr. Chandler, was again under examination. He testified that he had never seen the witness Terry, who swore yesterday that he had seen him (Bateman) several times at the latter's bank about Swain's accounts.

Mr. Bateman was subjected to a severe cross-examination by Mr. Calkins with respect to his stock transactions for Gen. Swain's account.

He admitted that there were one or two transactions, of which, in the usual order of business, Gen. Swain should have been notified, of which the letter-press copy book did not show copies of notification.

He said that all the missing notifications were notifications of transactions in which there appeared to have been losses to Gen. Swain, but that all the notifications of transactions, in which there had been profits for Gen. Swain, had been submitted by the latter to the court.

Mr. Bateman was then examined by the court, the judge directing him to answer the written questions which he made replies, and the members of the court then asking him questions orally. He testified that in his conversation with Gen. Swain on the day after his (Bateman's) charges were made to the secretary of war, no reference had been made to the Morrow pay accounts, or to the charges referred to, but not specified in the latter part of witness's letter to the secretary.

He said he had been notified by Mr. Parker and Gen. Swain, and by Mr. Humphreys, between 10 and 11 o'clock on that day (18th) that the due bill about which the trouble arose had been surrendered to Parker by Humphreys. He narrated the story of Gen. Swain's alleged threat to "squeeze" the bankers at the war department. About Morrow's accounts, in answer to a request from the court for a circumstantial statement of that affair, Swain, he said, was in his office and said to him: "Now, Bateman, if Col. Morrow and the rest of you don't chip in and help me out on what Morrow owes me I will squeeze him at the war department, so that there won't be one of you get anything."

He (witness) then said to Swain that he thought that that was what the man meant he had ever heard a white man make. That he (Swain) had first involved him (witness), a personal friend in the debt, and was now trying to cut the last chance he (witness) had of getting his money, and he (witness) paid him (Swain) this hundred dollars. Swain, witness said, then said something about the accounts not being fraudulent and left the office and went to the war department. The witness was then questioned as to his conversation with Gen. Swain after the latter had made a reply to the secretary of war with respect to the charges made by witness.

He repeated his statements made on the first examination, that he had told Swain that the latter's reply to the secretary was false, and that the whole thing would have to be gone over again. Swain, he said, replied to him: "I advise you to let this thing go here. It may result in a libel suit. If you will take my advice as a friend, let me advise you not to make a fool of yourself before the people by letting them see that you gave a man a piece of negotiable paper, and then allowed him to overtake his money." Witness had replied to this that if there were no other way of getting the facts before the public he (witness) would publish all his (Swain's) accounts with him.

Mr. Bateman was then asked if, since the publication of his letter to the secretary of war to the President with reference to this case, he (Bateman) had ever been approached, directly or indirectly, by any one in the interest of Gen. Swain to persuade him (witness) from making any further in this investigation. He replied that on the day after that letter was published Mr. Parker called to see him, and said that he (Parker) had just been to see the old man (meaning Swain), and that he (Parker) didn't think that he (Bateman) should press this thing too hard. He (Parker) said: "You don't want to crowd the old man. He has been here a long time, and has been a good friend to you."

In answer to Gen. Augur, witness affirmed the statement made in his letter to the secretary of war, that when Gen. Swain made the deposit of \$5,000 with him (Swain) had asked for the due bill, as something to have in case of accident, to show where his money was, as he was going west about that time.

Gen. Pope, president of the court, then asked Mr. Bateman what other charges he wished to prefer against Gen. Swain, referring to the statement in the last part of Bateman's letter to the secretary.

Mr. Bateman replied, I have preferred the only charges I care to prefer.

In answer to a question by Gen. Sackett, Mr. Bateman said that the statements furnished by him to Gen. Swain of the latter's accounts with the bank contained all the transactions between them.

Mr. Seth H. Terry, the clerk in Gen. Swain's office, who testified Thursday to visiting Mr. Bateman at the latter's bank with reference to settling differences in the accounts between Swain and Bateman, was recalled by Mr. Chandler. He was asked what relations he sustains to Gen. Swain, and replied that he was a clerk in the general office.

Mr. Chandler then asked: Have you ever been convicted of embezzlement? Witness, No, sir.

Mr. Chandler, "Have you ever been—" Mr. Calkins, interrupting, "object. This is an attempt to degrade the witness."

Mr. Chandler replied that he simply wished to show that the witness, whose testimony was in direct conflict with that of Mr. Bateman, was unworthy of belief.

The court then asked the question, and permitted the witness to make a statement, in which he said that he could bring forty reputable witnesses to prove his character as an honest man.

Mr. Jay Stone, chief of the correspondence division of the war department, was then called by the court, and testified that the secretary's letter to Gen. Swain, referring to Bateman's charges, was sent from the office about 3 o'clock in the afternoon of April 15, and was received back with Swain's reply about 4 o'clock of the same day.

Augustus Crane, Jr., formerly bookkeeper for Bateman & Co., was called by Mr. Chandler, and testified to a visit of Mr. Ferry to the bank with reference to Swain's accounts. Witness had shown him the ledgers and

"purchase and sales" books of the firm, and had explained several transactions to him. He had left apparently satisfied, and witness had never seen him again. During his visit he had spoken of some missing accounts, and witness had offered to furnish him with duplicates of them. He had not called for them, and witness did not furnish them.

On the conclusion of this examination of the witness, Mr. Calkins arose and called the attention of the court to a newspaper article (a Washington dispatch to a New York paper) reflecting upon Gen. Swain in the matter of his connection with the Garfield fair accounts. He said he thought it proper to bring it before the court formally because of the fact that it had been published indirectly because of this court. He said he had a consultation with his client, who had requested him to say to the court that he was perfectly willing, ready, and anxious to explain to the court the whole transaction, and he added that he (Mr. Calkins) had just received a telegram from Col. Corbin, who was treasurer of this fair, in relation to the matter which he would like to submit to the court. He said also that he had been informed by Gen. Swain that everything in his accounts with that fair was in perfect order.

Gen. Pope announced the decision of the court that it would take no action in the matter. The court then adjourned.

Gen. Augur explained his view of the order creating the court to be that it required the court to inquire into matters referred to in Bateman's letter to the secretary of war. Mr. Chandler said that the matter in question was not referred to in Mr. Bateman's letter.

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