

CHARGES MADE LEAGUE LEADER VERY NERVOUS
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Ray McKaig spent practically the entire afternoon Thursday on the witness stand under a cross examination at the hands of W. G. Bissell. He was asked numerous questions by the witness tending to connect up the non-Partisan League with the Socialists.

but he desired to explain and was shut out for a time by an objection from his attorney. At this point, Earle Falne, representing the Statesman Printing company, made a strong appeal for an answer to that question. He stated that witnesses had been brought in to show the loyalty of McKaig and now the very issue was at point where it was desired to show the state of the man's mind, who had formerly worn the cloth of a minister, at a time when the head of the organization he represented was convicted of the very thing which the Socialist platform advocated, and if he denounced the courts as crooked and corrupt, it

would tend to show his attitude of mind. **CHAMPIONS TOWNLEY** Mr. Kessler then withdrew his objection. The witness explained that he had never said the courts were corrupt or crooked, but that he did say that the court in which Townley was convicted of disloyalty was a political court. He said he was convinced that for political purposes it wanted to get the League. The later statement was made by the witness under re-direct examination by Kessler. The witness gave excerpts of his speech in which he had made such statements concerning the court of Jackson county and declared that Townley was not convicted for anything he had said, and further, testified, he had stated that if Townley was guilty of what he was sentenced 90 days for, he should have had life.

he still entertained the idea that Townley was loyal after his conviction by a farmer jury of disloyalty and the witness replied, "Yes, I still believe him loyal." **NOT AFTER PAPERS?** Under cross examination the witness was asked if he had not visited the Statesman office and stated to its editor in substance and effect, that the paper had always treated him fair and he had only made it a party to the suit to keep Gooding from taking the case to his county and that he did not desire damages against the Statesman. The witness declared he had not made such a statement, but that Scholtz might have made it.



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Further testimony by the witness was that he had no occasion to doubt the loyalty of Townley, but on the other hand still believed he was loyal from statements he had heard him make in addresses. The League organizers, as queried about by Mr. Bissell, were gone into by Kessler on re-direct examination. The witness testified that the half dozen or more organizers he was asked about by the defendant's attorney, constituted a few of some 50 or 75 employed and that none of them had been proven disloyal. He further testified that upon enraging organizers they were questioned as to their loyalty and were not hired unless they were found to be loyal.

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He was then asked if he had not made a statement to Mr. Dunham, advertising man of the Statesman, that the Statesman had always been fair to him and was the fairest paper in the state. While McKaig could not exactly remember such a conversation, he was of the opinion that if he made it, he referred to the editorials of the paper and not its advertisements, declaring he had made complaints about unfair advertisements appearing therein. Touching upon the McKaig meeting with Mrs. O'Hare, the witness was asked, "Did Mr. Massey ever say to you if you ever met Kate O'Hare to give her his regards?" The witness answered he did not. Mr. Bissell then asked him if he had no message to deliver to her, if he just went up there to cheer her up, and he replied, "Mr. Bissell, I went up there because that old woman was there alone and I gave her the only word I could think of. If you want to call it cheer, make the most of it."

PRaises SAMUEL'S ADDRESS The witness was then queried about Samuel's address referred to as his "10 per cent American address," in which Samuel had been reported as saying, the wealthy men of this country should pay higher taxes in order that the boys who came back might not be obliged to pay for the war on their return, or words to that effect. Mr. Bissell made a different interpretation on the address and admitted he applauded it. Later when asked if he had not in public addresses used the same words as Samuels, he replied he had not, but took the same position as he did Senator W. E. Borah, that excessive profiteers out of the war, should be made to pay more taxes for its operation. Letters written by McKaig to various organizers of the league were introduced as testimony but were not read.

ASKED ABOUT ORGANIZERS The witness was taken over a part of his former testimony concerning La Suer's connection with the League and his membership in the Socialist party and also of Townley's connection with the League and the Socialist party. La Suer, the witness stated, was never an organizer of the league, although he admitted that he had held the position as executive secretary of a political organization composed of farmers and laborers and had used letter heads in which his name appeared as Secretary of the Non-Partisan League. The witness testified that he knew La Suer had publicly denounced the anti-war platform of the Socialist party.

Questioned by Mr. Bissell concerning one D. C. Coates, the witness admitted that he had been connected with the League, but made a flat denial that he knew he was a Socialist. He was then asked about a League organizer named Dorman and if he did not know that Dorman was arrested for taking part in I. W. W. riots at Minot, N. D. Concerning Dorman, the witness testified, he knew he had interceded in behalf of working men who were denied free speech.

ROOSEVELT MISUNDERSTOOD Mr. Bissell then announced that since the plaintiffs had introduced so much testimony to show that the plaintiff had been a loyal supporter of Mr. Roosevelt, it would be pertinent to know what he thought of the attacks made by League papers and organizers against Roosevelt after he had made a denunciation against Roosevelt and the League and if, after that denunciation, he had not followed Townley instead of Roosevelt. The witness replied he felt that Roosevelt misunderstood the League and that the League papers had merely shown that Roosevelt's expenses were paid on the trip in which he spoke against the league, which was proven. Personally, he testified, he felt regret that Roosevelt misunderstood the League and asserted he had protested against the articles scathing him.

Further, concerning Roosevelt the witness was asked if he had not known that Mr. Cummings of Pocatello, Non-Partisan candidate for attorney general of Idaho, had characterized Roosevelt as an "educated barbarian." The witness testified that Cummings was a Democrat, and that he had not only been advised of the incident, but had written Cummings scoring him for such a statement. One other witness to testify during the afternoon was Mr. Fuller, an insurance agent of Fargo, N. D. He testified to having known McKaig for some 16 years and of having aided him in locating on the North Dakota homestead which Mr. McKaig offered to sell to Mr. Bissell for \$15 per acre. The only testimony given by this witness bearing on the case was that he had discussed Socialism and I. W. W.'s with McKaig and found him opposed to both. He was not cross-questioned.

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