

# LOCKWOOD FORGES DENIAL OF RUN-OUT STORY BY GIBBS

Senators Have Angry Clash Over Housing Bills in Albany Hotel Lobby.

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ALBANY, March 12.—The main subject of conversation to-day among legislators was the wordy combat between Senator Leonard W. Gibbs of Buffalo, Chairman of the Senate Cities Committee, and Chairman Charles G. Lockwood of the Housing Committee last night in the lobby of the Hotel Tuck. Mr. Gibbs denied the ability for holding back the Lockwood bills and denied that he had "run out" on his own bills. Senator Lockwood, accompanied by Samuel Untermyer, had just come from the Capitol, where they had been in conference with Senate Majority Leader Clayton K. Lusk all the afternoon going over the Lockwood housing bills. Mr. Untermyer had retired to his room and Senator Lockwood was surrounded by a group of legislative correspondents when Senator Gibbs entered the front door and approached. The Buffalo solon was smiling as he bore down on the group. "Carley," said he to Lockwood, "what are you trying to do to me?" "Doing to you?" came back from the Brooklyn Senator. "I think that was a rotten skunk trick, the dirtiest political trick I ever saw in my eight years of legislative experience."

LILLIPUTIAN, DEFIANT, FACES GULLIVER.  
Senator Gibbs drew himself to his full height of more than six feet. He looked like Gulliver gazing down at a Lilliputian, for Senator Lockwood is only a trifle more than five feet in height. The Gibbs smile faded for a fraction of a moment, but he kept his hands in his overcoat pockets. "I told you this was going to be a meeting to consider your bills that afternoon," he said. "No, you did not," retorted Mr. Lockwood. "When you called that meeting you knew I was on my way to New York." "I knew nothing of the sort. You didn't ask me to report the housing bills out." "I certainly did," retorted the Brooklyn Senator, "and you refused. Then I got eight signatures after you refused to give me a slip on which to make a report. I put another slip with the names on your desk and called your attention to the fact that

I had a majority calling on you to report the bills out." "You took a poll of my Committee over my head." "Of course I did. It was the only course left to me." "But you did not get the bills out over my head, did you?" returned Gulliver Gibbs. "No, but I laid the foundation for doing so. You were opposed to them, and the last man in the Senate who should be opposed to them is a Senator from Buffalo, where the Housing Committee saved the people millions of dollars." "Who said I was opposed to them?" demanded Mr. Gibbs. "Your own actions," retorted Lilliput Lockwood. "Well, you tried to get them out over my head, and I wasn't going to let you do it. As Chairman of the Cities Committee I propose to take care of the disposition of my own legislation."

DENIES HE RAN LOCKWOOD "OUT."  
"It wasn't your legislation," snapped Senator Lockwood. "It was mine, and you called a meeting when you knew that I was out of town, and then gave out a statement that I ran out on my own bills." "I did not," retorted Mr. Gibbs with severity and his smile gone. "I did nothing of the kind. I only asked you to say that I did. Two of the members whose signatures you brought me told me later that they signed under the impression that it was a call for a meeting, and not to report out the bills." "They certainly read what they were asked to sign and knew what the request was," came back Lockwood. "If they didn't, a seat in the Senate is no place for either of them." "Well, you are trying to put me in a position of holding up the bills, declaring that I am fighting them. As a matter of fact, I may be opposed to one or two of them, but certainly not to all of them, and you make grave charges that my opposition arises from the fact that I had from Buffalo, where indictments were found



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against a number of building material men." "No, I didn't make any such charges, nor any such statements." It was suggested to Senator Gibbs that he was confronting Lockwood with Untermyer, and he answered: "Yes, I know; and the end of that has not come yet, either. We are not through yet, Charlie," he added to Lockwood. "You're right, we're not," returned the Brooklyn Senator, and he walked over to Mr. Untermyer, who had come back from his room, where he said he had been unable to find any light. Some one told him that the same thing had happened to the Senators from Buffalo and Brooklyn. "Well, nobody backed down," remarked Senator Gibbs, the smile again illumining his face, and the crowd dispersed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, NOT A FAST DAY IN THIS DIOCESE  
Archbishop Hayes Allows Catholics to Feast in Honor of St. Patrick.  
Catholics of the Archdiocese of New York not only will be relieved of the Lenten fast next Friday but Archbishop Hayes has granted a special dispensation allowing them to eat meat on that day, which will be the feast of St. Patrick.  
Announcement to that effect was made yesterday in all the churches of the archdiocese. The dispensation is all the more unusual because the Fridays in Lent are, in the Catholic Church, special days of fasting and abstinence.  
A meeting of the Cities Committee has been called for 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the housing bills will probably be reported, with or without fireworks. It is there promised to be some lively discussion ever them at to-night's session of the Senate.

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