

or three weeks after I changed my mind, and told Mr. Hay my reasons for not telling him sooner than I did, when I first relieved the Bank, I had told both Bliss and Page, inside of a week, that I must have paid the money to Page, and they both know this notwithstanding what they told the Court, and many others will remember the same thing, and yet we are asked to believe that Chipman would not have told me on the 51th or 16th when I asked him distinctly and most emphatically (having just come from Bliss's who said, "Rogers, I fixed that,") "Is it not charged to Page or fixed by Page in some way? The answer was not that Page told me to charge it to him but I omitted to ask for his cheque, but he said, "No, it is lying here unpaid," and that it was lying there is corroborated by subsequent developments, and interest 30cts. charged by Bank, and Mr. Hay having told me it was not paid and wanted me to attend to it. And we are asked to believe that although I had been looking after the matter, and Chipman of the Bank knew it and knew that I should pay it and not Page, and was as before expecting Bliss to pay this note as he had others, he asks Page for his cheque 19 days after he (Page) had told him to charge the note to him!! And yet Chipman knew that Page told him to charge to him (Page) on the 7th, and on the 15th or 16th, when I spoke to him, he had forgotten it, and, *presto*, on the 26th he thinks of it, and duns Page for his cheque!!! Who believes this? Who with common sense can believe it?

I think I have now made it pretty clear that the plain and obvious reason why Page did not pay that note until the 26th was that he did not want to pay it with his own money, which was right enough and reasonable enough, especially as he knew the note was already arranged for by the drawer with a man who had the money and would certainly take it up shortly.

It is also clear that the reason he gives for the date of his cheque to retire the note could not be true, but the payment was made that day, and not before, because that was the first day he had the proper money to do it with, and that is the day, I swear, and will swear a thousand times, if necessary, that I paid him the \$40, to retire the note, instead of paying it into the Bank as I intended when I left.

An Examination of Page's Story.

When asked why he neither called upon Rogers or Bliss for the \$40, from 26th June until the last of November or first of December, his reply was, "I never looked to Rogers for it; *I had that note and I O U* face up in my cash box, and saw them every time I looked into the box, and knew they were good and on interest, and as Bliss had been robbed in the meantime I did not feel like bothering him for the money." *Benevolent Mr. Page!!* This latter he dinged at all along the line and swore to it before