

Company, but which suit they would not, of course, file, if they could possess themselves a copy of the contract referred to. He stated to me that he had secured one of the first issue of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company and one of the subsequent issue, and ten shares of the stock of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, which stock they should transfer to Mr. Edwin Lord, thereby making him a stockholder, as well as a subscriber to said Company's bonds; thereby making a better showing in the coming suit against the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, to be brought in the name of the said Edwin Lord. Later Mr. Wiman said that he had received the letter for Mr. Lord to send, and that the lawyers had re-revised it and it had been very much modified, but that it would make a very fine paragraph for the newspapers, and that as soon as it had been sent it would be published over the country by the Associated Press."

Mr. Plumb also deposes that at the time Mr. Wiman wrote the letter off ring to take care of Fearing he said:

"That if practicable I [Plumb] had better retain the letter in my possession, show it to Mr. Fearing and hold it in a escrow as a pledge between them; for he said he was now a Director in the Western Union Telegraph Company, and that this was a Western Union matter, but that if Fearing insisted upon holding it he could have it."

After Mr. Plumb had given us his affidavit and furnished us with the original documents referred to, in order to demonstrate the absolute truthfulness of his statements, he insisted that an interview with Mr. Wiman should be held at his (Plumb's) office; at which any witness we might name should have an opportunity to hear Mr. Wiman corroborate all that had been alleged against him and his associates. We deemed this but justice to Mr. Plumb, if he had not in any way exaggerated the facts, and but justice to Mr. Wiman, if he had been in any way misrepresented.

The interview was held, and our witness, a short-hand reporter, took down verbatim the whole shameful tale from Mr. Wiman's lips, in a worse form than Mr. Plumb had given it to us.

In this interview Mr. Plumb asked: "Will Lord bring his suit?" Mr. Wiman replied: "Yes; he will bring suit to recover the ten thousand dollars he has paid, but will not bring it for some time, as they are waiting for the Mutual Union to sue him for his default in payment of two thousand dollars sixth assessment, then they will come back against them; we are going to fix up a suit against them to make them bring the original of this contract into court."

Mr. Plumb asked: "Will Lord bring that suit?" Mr. Wiman answered: "We have got another party who will bring it. We shall assign to him ten shares of the Mutual Union stock, which we hold, to enable him to bring the suit. We now want to get and will pay well for five hundred shares of the first issue of their stock. . . .

I suppose it is selling at par, and we will give par for it. . . . You had better look out for to-morrow morning's *World*, in the column headed 'Wall Street Gossip.' We shall stab pretty hard there. I think it will be a very hard article against them. This advertisement recently in the papers (showing Plumb a copy) was put in, not by Hamilton and Bishop, but by Connor, for Gould. Hamilton and Bishop's names were merely made use of by us."

When a man sets about the commission of an act which, if exposed, will render him infamous, we must look somewhere for a motive commensurate with the risk. That the conspiracy which was organized to bribe a confidential clerk to commit a larceny, was in the personal interest of Mr. Wiman, will not be believed by anybody. Or that it was necessary to steal papers which the court would compel us to produce, if Mr. Wiman had any lawful ground of complaint as a stockholder of the Company.

Mr. Wiman is a Director of your company, and the President of your