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**RITCHEE INVESTIGATION RESUMED YESTERDAY**

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The Commissioner—Who were the five persons who met in my office?

Magistrate Ritchie—If necessary and the Commissioner wants it, I can produce the men and the arch-conspirator himself.

The Commissioner—"Give the name of the arch-conspirator, as you call him."

The Magistrate—"Everybody knows who he is."

The Commissioner—"Then give his name."

The Magistrate—"I won't, I am not here to be cross-examined."

The Commissioner—"If you won't the public can draw their own conclusions."

The Magistrate—"Remember, I did not say that you were one of the conspirators. One of the papers said that I did, but it was wrong, and I told the reporter so, yesterday. Why, they even invaded my office. There is a man in court today who heard them say mum's the word."

**Magistrate Taunts Court.**

The magistrate then proceeded to question the commissioner regarding various derogatory remarks which he alleged Mr. Armstrong had made about him at different times. The commissioner made an effort to restrain him, but the magistrate continued and was again interrupted with the remark that he would have to stop and that the commissioner intended to have better order in the court than on the last occasion.

The Magistrate—"You are afraid I will give the full particulars."

The commissioner said that he had no witnesses to call. A. A. Barry for the petitioners said he had one.

The Commissioner—Who is the arch conspirator?

Magistrate Ritchie—I will name him when the times comes, and if necessary go to Frederick with him and argue the matter before the government.

Capt. William D. McIntyre, assistant police clerk, was called by Mr. Barry, and stated that he had the records of the city court for two years. Witness had recently prepared a list for the magistrate of attorneys who had received money from the city court. This list applied only to civil cases and not to criminal cases. The magistrate had not conversed with witnesses about the list since Tuesday last. Witness was employed in connection with the city court and had very little to do with the police court. In some of the cases to which he referred in the list he had himself paid the money.

The magistrate then proceeded to cross-examine the witness, asking—"Did you hear any conversation in the hall regarding me?"

**Getting Warm Up.**

Witness—"I heard Mr. Baxter say—"

Mr. Barry—"Your honor, I object. The witness cannot be cross-examined on matters brought out in direct examination."

The Commissioner—"I think—"

The magistrate (interrupting)—"Are you going to sustain that objection? You wanted the arch conspirator and now when we are beginning to get to it am I to be closed off?" (Vigorous applause from the rear of the room.)

The Commissioner—"Do you mean that Mr. Baxter is the arch-conspirator?"

The Magistrate—"Wait until you hear the evidence."

The Commissioner—"Am I correct?"

The Magistrate—"I am not going to say whether you are correct. I want a ruling. If this matter were referred to anyone who knew law I would be sustained."

**Called Magistrate to Order.**

The commissioner informed the Magistrate that he must stop wrangling with the counsel and instructed the spectators that they were not there to express their approval or disapproval of the proceedings, and that the applause must cease. He then proceeded with his cross-examination.

The witness—"Mr. Baxter said, 'I wish the old—would drop dead in the street.'"

The Magistrate—"That was a nice pious remark for a pleasant morning!"

The Commissioner—"You must not address remarks of that kind to the witness."

A Gallery Boy.

The Magistrate—"Your Honor, I am a Roman Catholic and you are an American, but would you not agree with me that that was a nice pious remark to make about an old man like me?"

Mr. Barry then proceeded with a re-examination of the witness, asking—"Are you on speaking terms with Mr. Baxter?"

The witness (hesitatingly)—"Well I guess so, but he never says anything to me."

Q—Did you not say at one time that Mr. Baxter wanted to get you—to have you removed from your position?"

Ans—"Well, Mr. Baxter came into my office one day and roared at me like a lion. 'Were you ordered not to answer that telephone?'"

Q—"Were you not afterwards ordered to answer it?"

Ans—"Yes, after you and some of the others got up a petition."

Q—"Were you not on bad terms with Mr. Baxter because you could not get an increase of salary while he was an alderman?"

Ans—"I never spoke to him about it."

Q—"Did you never go to him about the matter?"

Ans—"Yes, but he would never see me."

This concluded his evidence.

**Resumes Wednesday.**

The commissioner then made a statement to the effect that since Mr. Baxter's name had been brought into the matter it would be only fair to give him a chance to give evidence. He had also received a letter from a man who said that he had some evidence favorable to the magistrate. He did not know what the evidence was, but to give an opportunity of hearing both witnesses he would adjourn the court until Wednesday next at eleven o'clock.



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