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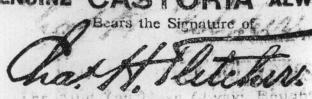
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imight be worth while to listen to me. Then I got a better hearing."

Mr. Johnston: Did Col. Carnegie give any reason why fuses could not be made in Canada?

"No; just his plain statement."

"That conversation lasted one and a half hours," proceeded Mr. Harris.

"and as a result of the interview Col. Carnegie told me that if I wanted to do anything further in the matter I would have to go to Col. Allison."

"Did you know who Colonel Allison."

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"Were you in a position to make time fuses or graze fuses in Canada in touch with Col. Allison."

gons I found that the output of the Colts Company was to be controlled by Col. Allison. We were interested

Carnegie when he leteres of Allison?"

"I asked him if Allison was a mede from December to January. He said this was because they had been unable to get their gauges from the said. No,' and I replied that I was dealing with the Shell Committee. He said this was because they had been unable to get their gauges from the statement was made."

Questioned further. Mr. Harris stated that he did not go to Allison, but continued negotiations with the Shell Committee, and was never ready to manufacture their was listening all the time. I said we wanted to make a proposition and they said it would be considered.

COULD CARRY OUT CONTRACT

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that an extension of this was because they had been unable to get their gauges from the said this was because they had been unable to get their gauges from the statement was made."

Questioned further. Mr. Harris stated that he did not go to Allison, but continued negotiations with the Shell Committee, and was never reminded by them of the instructions about going to Allison. He had reminded the committee, however, on May 13.

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A LITION OF SEEING ALLISON.

A little later Mr. Harris said that he did never any intention of going

Mr. Harris stated that at all times he and Mr. Russell had been in a

whom we considered a real expert: could not get the treatment we were Most of them were under option at entitled to as Canadian manufacture its admitted that according to the reading of the notes Cdl. Allison was reading of the notes Cdl. Allison was very high prices. We had no experts but Kirby."

"Had you arranged for getting machinery for fuse manufacture and
the necessary equipment?"

"Is it your idea that the Shell Comparing the co-operation of American
mittee was antagonistic to you
throughout?"

WANTED FUSES FROM CANADA
erate with some United States manu-

"Yes, we had arranged for it."

Then on May 11th, Mr. Harris received a wire from the Shell Committee asking him to go to Montreal on the fuse business. He went to Montreal on the 13th and saw Colada even though the contracts were given to American firms. The Shell Committee wanted to build up work in Canada. Mr. Harris said they had been assured by General Bertram and Colonel Carnegie that between a million and a million and a half of the fuse order would be held for Russell and Harris, pending their proprise. This promise was made verbally. Col. Carnegie still took the ground that time fuses could not be made in Canada, but General Bertram and Colonel Lafferty thought it was possible."

Mr. Harris said he was confident that the could get the machinery, the tools, and he did not think there was nothing personal about it, but Col. Carnegie said this business could not be done in Canada. Mr. Harris said they had this business could not be done in Canada. Mr. Harris severe times he and Col. Carnegie were always on very friendly terms.

"My impression," said Mr. Harris as to a visit to New York on April 20 and a conversation between Mr. Russell and a Mr. Steinmetz, who had suggested that they work to the said they had the information we not want to help us out on fuses. We had a man in England and were trying to get all the information we negle trying to prevent your getting that information?"

Mr. Harris said he was confident that the could get the machinery, the tools, and he did not think there was nothing personal about it, but Col. Carnegie said this business could not be done in Canada. In spite of the fact that they had they

experts if they got the contract and he was confident they could carry it

out:

Mr. Johnston—Did you ever get any encouragement from Colonel Carnegie to go into this fuse business?

Mr. Harris—Yes, after our famous meeting of the 26th, Colonel Carnegie came to Toronto and spent the day with Russell and myself on June 15th. We showed him our plant and discussed the manufacture of fuses with him. The next day Pease visited our plant and expressed himself as favorably impressed, and he thought that graze fuses could be made in Canada.

CARNEGIE TOO BUSY TO SEE

"Well, we were not allowed to get our man into Woolwich Arsenal."

"Yes, we wondered why."

A good deal of cross-examination followed by Mr. Ewart, in which the witness did not seem quite to follow, and he was somewhat sharply be to did by Sir William Meredith to answer the questions. He asserted that they could not get their expert into Woolwich, but that this had been done for American firms. Col. Carnegie had told him it was impossible.

CARNEGIE TOO BUSY TO SEE HIM.

Mr. Harris declared that they had been disappointed at getting turned down on the other order on the 28th of May, when they were told that they had that they had been let.

Then on the 13th of May, he said that they had tried to get one of their men admitted to inspect the work at Woolwich arsenal and were told it was impossible.

REFUSAL NOT NOTED.

Mr. Harris used notes he had made of vanious conversations, and Mr. Ewart produced the original notes regarding this conversation, pointing out that there was no mention in them of this refusal.

"Why didn't you put that down?" "Don't you think the fact that this ammunition was badly needed and that these companies' options were expiring made the pressure on the most out?" "They may have." "They may have." "And it is possible this is what they

was impossible.

Mr. Harris then recounted meeting
General Bertram, who told him they had let the 5,000,000 contract at \$4.25. "Then I went to see Colonel Carne-gie and he sent word that he didn't

The price quoted by Mr. Harris was \$4.20, and Col. Carnegie said he did not think they could do it at that price. Then General Bertram arriv-\$4.20, and Col. Carnegie said he did not think they could do it at that price. Then General Bertram arrived and they had a good heart-to-heart talk, and it was suggested that a further order for 1.250,000 might be got through the War Office. They promised to cable regarding this.

be got through the War Office. They promised to cable regarding this.

Mr. Johnston—Was the talk heated?

"Well, men in-such positions as again sharply on this point, to four American companies to the den. As to this Mr Harris said he did not want to see had should answer it.

SUB-LET TO AMERICANS.

After a lot more questioning he said that on this contract he thought they had bought about 5 per cent. of the whole they had bought about 5 per cent. of the whole add they had bought about 5 per cent. of the parts, but had sub-ter-much more they had bought about 5 per cent. of the whole add they had bought about 5 per cent. of the parts, but had sub-ter-much more they had bought about 5 per cent. of the whole add they had bought about 5 per cent. of the whole add they had bought about 5 per cent. of the parts, but had sub-ter-much more they had bought about 5 per cent. of the whole add they had bought about 5 per cent. of they had bought ab

brought to bear to place these con-

'Did you ask what that was."
"No."

one to make that things could not be made in Canada. I said that much larger things had been made in Canada than fuses. Col. Carnegie said that contract. Subsequently were in negotiation with Amerivestigated the graze fuse, and in July had been offered a contract for half a million graze fuses at an average

"I met him for the first time the revious week in connection with machine guns. In investigating machine "We were in as good position as

Mr. J. S. Ewart, K.C., counsel for ii. a contract for army motor cars and needed machine guns to complete the equipment."

"What reply did you make to Cot. Carnegie when he referred you to Allison?"

"I asked him if Allson was a "I asked him if Allson was a considerable length. Mr. Harris at considerable length.

Mr. Ewart—"That is not the same lie had never any intention of going to Allison. Asked if he had made any had a those in to carry out any as my statement."

contract regarding fuses, as they em-

"I would not like to say that Gen. "That time w Bertram seemed to be very anxious lutely necessary" for us to make fuses in Canada.

parts would have to be made in Canno reason for this alleged antagonism fuses,
ada even though the contracts were and said that there was nothing perMr.

"Did it strike you he was trying to meant?"
prevent you getting information about fuses?"

"You meant?"
"No."
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"It was impossible to put everything down," replied Mr. Harris.
Another sharp cross-examination
left matters in about the same posi-

Russell and myself were, with promises broken, naturally felt sore. "However," the witness said, "there not want to see him. A short time had betn no very high words. Col. afte Col. Carnegie had called him Carnegie said that pressure had been in, and for three hours they discussed this proposal.
Mr. Ewart—Did not that remove

No, 1 don't think he wanted to see us even after we went.'

"Why not? "Because he was in a very awk-PERSONAL ANTAGONISM he meant by seeking to create an impression that Colonel Carnegie was antagonistic to him on May 6. "I don't think he was an agonistic to me personally, but he was antagonistic to Canadian industries de-

Mr. Ewart—What led up to his telling you that you should see Colonel Allison? "He simply told me that I should handling these negotiations."
"Did you understand that no offer

would be received except through "That the matter of negotiating contracts for fuses was in the hands

as the others, and the Shell Committee gave it to us.

"Were you in a position to make time fuses or graze fuses in Canada when your proposition was turned down?"

"We were in as good position as we ever were; and we subsequently made the graze fuses."

"Mr I S Ewart KC counsel for "So you didn't think that the nego-

"So you didn't think that the negotiations were out of the hands of Shell Committee?" Mr. Harris-No. Mr. Ewart-Then how did you ex-

plain the statement that the matter was in Allison's hands?

contract regarding fuses, as they employed from 800 to 900 hands, with a large plant.

He stated that he and Mr. Russell had spent considerable time in the United States enquiring into the fuse business, and had arranged with a man who knew the work as it was done in England. This was Kirby, who was employed by the Canada Foundry Company.

Mr. Harris—"Then your statement must be incorrect."

Mr. Ewart—"You place the whole blame for the delay on the Shell Committee?"

Mr. Harris—"Yes, but for that we would have lived up to our contract."

Letters had passed regarding this, but Mr. Harris had no copies of them.

Mr. Ewart produced and read the motes made by Mr. Harris following the meeting with the Shell Committee was antagonistic to you throughout. Impression that the Shell Committee was stated that the Shell Co that your idea?"
"Well, for some reason or other we lison was handling the matter.

Questioned by Mr. Ewart, Mr. Har

"Is it your idea that the Shell Com- erranging the co-operation of Amer-

WANTED FUSES FROM CANADA rate with some United States manufacturers? "That time we thought it abso-

"Was Col. Carnegie antagonistic to Henderson, K.C. counsel for Colonel ou throughout."

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Mr. Harris—I can't say that he did.
"You can't say that he didn't?"
"No."

WHAT PRESSURE MEANT. "Wasn't pressure the fact that American firms had options on materials which would expire and unless the contracts were closed the price would

advance?"

"I wouldn't think so."

"Did they say the contracts had been closed because of this pressure or because this option would expire?"

"I think both were mentioned."

"Is there any reason why you should not have asked Col Carnegie

"They may have."
"And it is possible this is what they

"Then I went to see Colonel Carnegie and he sent word that he didn't want to see me: I sent in our proposition."

Examined as to this Mr. Harris said his recollection was that Colonel Carnegie had said he was busy and he (Harris) had better see General Bertram.

Subsequently Colonel Carnegie had called him in and said it was unfortunate that the contract had been let. The price quoted by Mr. Harris was soon that Col. Carnegie was antagon. The price quoted by Mr. Harris was sion that Col. Carnegie was antagon.

Left matters in about the same position:

Then with regard to the Scoville Contract for 500,000 shell fuses given the Harris concern on Aug. 17th, and closely cross-examined Mr. Harris as to the sub-letting of any part to American concerns, with regard to a clause in the contract that no part should be sub-let without the consent of the purchaser.

This again, led to a number of that third occasion, May 26th Mr. Harris wished to explain Mr. Laflamme demanded direct answers first, and finally Sir Mr. Harris had created the impression that Col. Carnegie was antagon.

sion that Col. Carnegie was antagon- that he was asked a simple question

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