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### EVIDENCE AT THE CITY HALL INVESTIGATION

A meeting of the committee appointed by the common council to investigate the charges against Ald. Kierstead was held last evening, and Louis Corey, John Sinclair, Wm. Murdoch, James Turnbull, Ald. Elkin, Ald. Smith, Ald. Kierstead were examined under oath. Recorder Baxter conducted the examination and Ald. Kierstead

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called at Mr. Murdoch's office and got a copy. He did not discuss the affidavit with the engineer. He knew nothing of the truth or falsehood of the document.

Ald. Kierstead—Did the engineer seem pleased to have the document in his possession?  
A. I don't know.

Q. Did the engineer say he intended to use the document in any way?  
A. I said in my evidence I did not discuss the matter with the engineer.

Q. How many persons did you show the document to?  
A. One.

Louis Corey, contractor, said he gave the original affidavit to Mr. Gray Murdoch, who asked him to make the declaration.

He got notice of the acceptance of his contract by the Water and Sewerage Board of Lancaster on the evening of June 17. Before this time he and 6 o'clock Ald. Kierstead and another man called at his house. Ald. Kierstead told him his contract had been accepted and offered to carry his insurance for 3 1/2 per cent. for \$500 or \$600. He told Ald. Kierstead to meet him at the office of H. G. Smith.

A Big Difference. Next day he met Kierstead in Mr. Smith's private office. There he told Ald. Kierstead that there was a big difference between 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 per cent.

Ald. Kierstead said I shouldn't consider that. If I left him to put the business through, it would be easier for me and I wouldn't have to put up the bonds. He said he was an older man, and could make things all right. He said I was a foreigner and might find it hard to get bonds. When he told me that I was a foreigner, I said I would not take his offer, and he left.

Why the Affidavit. Witness said he had told Mr. Smith and Engineer Turnbull about the conversations with Ald. Kierstead. Mr. Turnbull told Gray Murdoch, who later asked him to make the affidavit. His partner was present when he made the affidavit.

Q. Why did you go to Mr. Sinclair to make the affidavit?  
A. Mr. Smith was not in his office then, and Mr. Gray Murdoch took me into Sinclair's office.

Q. What was your object in making the affidavit?  
A. Mr. Gray Murdoch asked me to do it.

Question of Language. Ald. Kierstead—When I called on you first, what amount of wages did you say you would have to pay out?  
Corey—I didn't know the exact amount. I think I said between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Q. What is your nationality?  
A. Syrian.

Q. Do you know the meaning of the word attorney?  
A. Yes, one who will carry a thing through for another. You did not use that word exactly. But it was what you meant. I told Mr. Sinclair what you said, and he prepared the affidavit.

Not the Same Insurance. Q. You say that later you got the same insurance for \$57.  
A. For 2 1/2 per cent. We insured on a pay roll of \$5,000.

Ald. Kierstead—But you didn't get the same thing. It was figured on the pay roll of \$10,000.

After some discussion during which Ald. Kierstead said the witness had sworn to 2 or 3 falsehoods, and had been called to order. Mr. Corey presented a copy of the affidavit, which was issued on July 17, good for a year, the premiums being 2.58 per cent. on a pay roll of \$3,750, and covered construction for water works.

Mr. Corey said Ald. Kierstead's agent came to him later in Fairville and offered to insure him for 2 1/2 per cent.

Ald. Kierstead said the insurance company charged different rates for sewerage and water constructions; Mr. Corey's policy was for water construction alone.

Strange Rumors. Ald. Kierstead—Did you say to anyone that Ald. Kierstead was just using it as a tool for somebody?  
A. No.

Q. Did you tell anybody that Ald. Kierstead never intended to write out a liability policy, but to take the premium and divide with somebody else?  
A. No.

Q. Did you say that the country secretary and Ald. Kierstead had tried to hold up your work?  
A. No.

Q. Did Gray Murdoch say he would make things easier for you if you signed the document?  
A. No.

James Turnbull, assistant engineer, on the Lancaster sewerage system said Mr. Corey had told him of the talk with Ald. Kierstead. "Mr. Corey," he said, "had trouble to get his contract bonds, and intimated to me that things might be easier for him if he accepted Ald. Kierstead's proposition. Mr. Corey also had to wait sometimes for his pay checks, and it looked to me as if there was a nigger on the fence."

More Dangerous. Ald. Kierstead—Did you know that the rate of insurance on sewer construction is about double that for water construction?  
A. No. The water construction is the more dangerous. Men are more liable to get injured when connecting water pipes as they use molten lead.

Q. What motive had Gray Murdoch in renewing the conversation with you had with him?  
A. I think he believed his father was being attacked by you. If I had been in his place I would have tried to hit back too.

City Engineer. Wm. Murdoch, city engineer, was called. He said he had given a copy of the Corey affidavit to Ald. Elkin. He got the document from his son, Gray Murdoch. His son told him about Mr. Corey's statements, and offered to produce an affidavit, saying that it might explain Ald. Kierstead's malicious attitude to him. His son brought him the affidavit and he showed it to Mayor Frink.

Q. Why did you assume Ald. Kierstead was the only malicious man on the committee?  
A. He was the chairman and main instigator. I understood he drew up the report.

Q. Who told you that?  
A. A little bird.

Q. Did the Mayor counsel you in any way regarding the affidavit?  
A. No.

Continuing witness said the Mayor asked him for a copy of the affidavit. He then had copies made, and supplied the Mayor, Ald. Elkin, Wigmore and McGoldrick.

Q. Why wasn't the distribution made general?  
A. I did not want to flood the city. Q. Did you give a copy to anybody outside the common council?  
A. Yes, to ex-Ald. Sprout.

In Self Defence. Ald. Kierstead—You sent them out for the purpose of influencing votes on the committee?  
A. No. I didn't. I only showed them to my friends, as an explanation of Ald. Kierstead's attitude towards his property, saying he was attacking me, because of spleen against my son, who was in charge of the Lancaster contract.

Ald. Kierstead—Isn't that an ingenious explanation. I didn't know you had a son, while the investigation was in progress.

In reply to the recorder witness said he had met Ald. Elliott on a car and told him about the affidavit. Ald. Elliott told him not to be afraid of circulating it as Ald. Kierstead had no money for him.

Q. Did you circulate the affidavit with the object of injuring him?  
A. I circulated it for my own protection.

Q. Do you think you achieved your object?  
A. I don't know as I did.

Q. Do you think it right for a servant of the city to attack an alderman?  
A. I think a man has a right to protect himself from aldermen or assistants or devils.

Ald. C. T. Jones—Did you say to Ald. Elliott that you had something in your pocket which would fix Kierstead?  
A. No.

Land Surveyors. To the recorder the engineer said Ald. Kierstead asked him if he had a young man in his office who could survey lands after hours. He replied that he had no qualified land surveyor in his office. He mentioned the request of Kierstead to Ald. Smith because he thought Ald. Smith was his friend.

The Whip Hand. Ald. Kierstead—Didn't Ald. Smith prevent you from going away one time?  
A. What's that got to do with the case?

Ald. Kierstead—It seems you get friendly with anyone who holds the rod over you.

The Chairman—Order. That has nothing to do with the case. Miss Blanche Chitt, stenographer in the engineer's office, said she had made seven or eight copies of the Corey affidavit.

Ald. Smith. Ald. Smith said he had no recollection of the engineer telling him anything about the affidavit. Ald. Kierstead had asked him one day if he would have earth hauled out of his cellar. He said he would put on the enginehouse team which was hauling earth to Queen's Square.

Ald. Kierstead wanted an extra team. He said he would not permit it. So nothing was done.

A Falsehood. Continuing Ald. Smith said that Ald. McLeod had told him that Ald. Kierstead had said that Ald. Smith had got the engineer mixed up in some shady transactions on the West Side and had the engineer under his thumb. "That is an unqualified falsehood," said Ald. Smith.

No Personal Gain. Continuing the witness said that personally he would have only got a 5 per cent. commission, and for that he would hardly risk a fine of several hundred dollars.

Wrong Impression. Q. Did you either at Mr. Corey's house or Mr. Smith's office say anything to convey the idea that you wanted to act as attorney?  
A. Nothing at all. I would convey that idea to an Englishman's mind.

Q. Did you have any official connection with the awarding or withholding of the contract?  
A. No. I'm not even a member of the municipal council. I never discussed the contract with members of the sewerage board.

Q. Did you suggest that you could do anything to make the work easier or more difficult to Mr. Corey?  
A. No.

Q. Was your conduct of the recent investigation influenced by your dealings with Mr. Corey, as Mr. Murdoch suggests?  
A. Certainly not.

Continuing witness said he had talked with Assistant Engineer Hatfield about straightening up some lines of his property, saying he was willing to pay to have the work done in the engineer's own time, but the assistant had done the work for him.

Ald. Kierstead explained that he had no animosity to the city engineer. He took the investigation seriously and thought he was doing his duty.

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