## THOMAS W. LAWSON, CHIEF WITNESS IN STOCK MARKET LEAK AT WASHINGTON

session of the House Rules Committee hearing on the alleged stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note, with a running row with the ommittee which ended in much of his statements being expunged from the record and concluded with the declaration that he could tell where the leak was, but wouldn't.

At the outset of the hearing, Secretary Tumulty read a statement, endorsed by President Wilson, that he had no knowledge of the president's note before it was announced to the newspapers, and Secretary of State Lansing gave testimony about the handling of the document after it got to the state department. Both denied they had been able to find any "leak." Lawson began his statement to the committee with general declarations which soon led into an uproar. It ended by the clerk of the house forcing him to his chair, and the committee voting manimously to expunge the whole exchange from the record. The stenographer had missed much of it in the confusi

Lawson Denies.

Finally, when Chairman Henry got
Lawson down to a cross-examination,
the Boston financier said he could
teil, but wouldn't.

Told at the outset by Chairman
Henry that he might "proceed in his
own way for the present," Mr. Lawson
said: "My name is Thomas W. Lawson. My home is Boston. My occupation, you might say, is that of a farmter."

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"The would be stimony," he said, "re-week locations of the same by others—not now."
"Yes I decline to furnish names given to me, by others—not now."

"I will give testimony." he said, "regarding the damnable condition which
has existed for two years for the purpose of finding a remedy for conditions
which caused hundreds of thousands
of persons to be driven to enormous
losses."

Let I dectribe to training many
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many for the many and the paring until tomorrow, and went
into executive session to consider Representative Chiperfield's motion to cite
Lawson for conformit. Lawson for contempt.

Lawson flew into a rage after he had proceeded for half an hour when interrupted by Representative Chiperfield. He declared he proposed to say all he had to say, regardless of consequen-

"and I'll take it in advance."

The committee room was in an uproar, and Representative Henry threatened to clear it and hold the proceedings in executive session. Lawson gesticulated, shook his finger in Representative Chiperfield's face, and loudly declared as an American citizen he

Finally, after more wrangling by an unanimous vote of the committee, all of Lawson's heated speech was struck from the record. The chairman then became to coverie him.

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ticulated, shook his linger in Representative Chipperfield's face, and loudly declared, as an American citizen, he would see to it that he got his rights. Lawson, pacing up and down before the committee, declared that all he had said in the public press regarding the leak, he believed to be true.

"I repeat it all now," he declared, "It is one of the commonest things in Wall street, advance information from Washington about government affairs, affairs of such importance that they frequently affect the country's securities. I mean also leaks from the supreme court, advance information on decisions, advance information on important senate matters, action of congressional committees, cabinet affairs and advance information direct from the White House itself."

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Then Again Row Started.

Lawson said he knew who was responsible for the leak, and reiterated he was convinced the committee did not want an investigation. He reviewed his recent trip to Washington, and his reference to congress was so objectionable that the chairman stopped him.

Then followed a row between Lawson and Representative Chiperfield. "In working with you for the Roppe "In Windows With you for the Roppe "In Working with "In Working

son and Representative Chiperfield which was unintelligible, even to the official stenographer.

Chairman Henry rapped for order and Lawson roared: "I don't propose to be bull-dozed, and I will not be intimidated." working to remove the lesser differences which we know sho

### "You stated that there was a leak Will you give the committee the name of the person who carried the leak to Wall street from Washington?" Lawson replied that the only way be would give the distributed the beautiful or the world give the distributed to be with the world give the distributed to be world give the distributed to be with the world give the committee the name of the person who carried the leak to wall street from Washington?" OVER METAL TRADE

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