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TICKLES JESS WILLARD

Kansas City, May 9.—Billy Sunday, who never lost a decision in his rounds with the Devil, and Jess Willard, the champion pugilist of the world, met here.

"Gee, but you're big, Jess," said Sunday, looking up at Willard, "but I believe I could last one round with you."

Willard smiled. "Hit me in the stomach, Billy," he challenged. "Hit me as hard as you can."

Sunday hesitated.

"I can hit a pretty hard blow, Jess," said he.

"Go on, hit me," persisted the gigantic Kansan, and Sunday hit—as hard as he could.

Willard just laughed.

"Arithmetic Cost Wife." Guess he was trying to show her how he figured out that there was only 18 cents left of his salary when there should have been \$18.

About half the time the average man is forced to grin and bear it.

Only a wideawake author should write a treatise on insomnia.

STARTLING EXPOSURES AT THE SHELL ENQUIRY

The Most Vital Aspect of the Kyte Charges Proved by the Evidence of Mr. Lloyd Harris—Shell Committee Awarded Contract for Five Million Fuses to Yankee Mushroom Concerns "Under Pressure"

Ottawa, May 9.—The part played by Col. J. Wesley Allison, General Sam Hughes' friend, philosopher and guide, in the letting of contracts for 5,000,000 fuses at extra-normal prices in the United States in June last, was sensationally exposed before the Meredith-Duff commission today.

Lloyd Harris, president of the Russell Motor Car Company, who occupied the witness stand more than six hours, unfolded a story of his company's determined but futile attempts to have the Shell Committee recognize Canadian industry and enterprise in the letting of fuse orders, which practically proved the most vital aspect of the Kyte charges, and created a profound impression upon the court.

Not alone was Mr. Harris able to show that his demands for a fuse contract were met by advice from Col. Carnegie of the Shell Committee to "see Col. Allison." He further brought out the amazing fact that on May 26, one day after the 5,000,000 fuses had been ordered in the United States, Col. Carnegie had confessed that the reason no portion of the order was given to the Russell company was because the Shell Committee had been "under pressure" to let the contracts to the American firms, and that the whole sordid business, including the advice to see Allison, and the Carnegie confession of "pressure" had been brought to the attention of Sir Robert Borden as early as October last.

Facts Remain Unassailed.

Realizing the damning character of Mr. Harris' evidence, the great array of powerful lawyers supporting Allison and the Shell Committee, attacked the testimony with every weapon of legal ingenuity at their disposal, but after five hours of the most severe cross-examination, the pedestal of his story remained unshattered.

Towering above everything was F. B. Carvell's masterful examination of the witness, emphasizing the following facts:

1. On May 6 Messrs. Russell and Harris were told by Col. Carnegie that if they wanted to do business with the Shell Committee they would have to see Col. Allison.

2. On May 26 Col. Carnegie confessed to Messrs. Russell and Harris that they did not get a portion of the 5,000,000 fuse order because "pressure had been brought to bear" upon the Shell Committee to place them with United States firms.

3. Mr. Harris told Sir Robert Borden in October last about the Russell Motor Company being referred to Col. Allison before they could get a contract, and of Carnegie's admission that "pressure had been exerted" upon the committee to let the orders in the United States.

4. Mr. Harris understood Col. Carnegie to mean that the pressure to let the fuse orders in the United States came from "someone 'higher up'."

Bertram and Allison.

In addition to the foregoing outstanding features, Mr. Harris' evidence went to show that General Bertram, chairman of the Shell Committee, did not hold a too high estimate of Colonel Allison as early as May last—and it also indicated that the General apparently knew more about Allison than he was willing to admit in his evidence the other day.

In answer to Mr. Johnson last week, General Bertram swore that he had never heard of Col. Allison's name in connection with fuse contracts.

"Do you take me for a fool?" he indignantly asked the opposing counsel when it was suggested that Allison might have had something to do with fuse orders.

SMALL COLLEGE FOR FRIENDS

("Girard" in Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

I wished to have a new answer to an old question, so I asked: Does a student at a small college or a large university have the wider acquaintance?

I asked a senior at each three large Eastern universities how many other students each knew personally.

I asked a senior of three colleges, the smallest having four hundred students and the largest about seven hundred, how many other students each of them knew personally.

The three college students together know 126 more boys than the three university students. It would appear from this that "when it comes to 'rubbing up against other fellows,' the small college student has the better of the argument.

The result did not surprise me, since I believe it is generally admitted that the average man living in a small town knows more people than a citizen dwelling in a metropolis.

The senior at a college which has nearly five hundred students informed me that he knows the name of every other man in college and that he knows them all well enough to talk to.

In the great universities students are apt to live in smaller cliques. I once mentioned to a graduate of Oxford what a wonderful thing it had been for him to touch elbows with the upward of four thousand of "England's finest" who had been students with him at the university.

He seemed surprised at my remark and then replied:

"But I know scarcely a fellow outside of my own college, in which there were then fewer than 250 and I never knew even all of them."

The tragedy of war would now make it easier for an Oxford or Cambridge student to know personally every other. I saw a letter recently from a Cambridge man who said that in one college there just a solitary student remained. All the others had gone to war.

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CALLING HER EARLY.

"You must wake and call me early," the prospective May Queen quoth. While she was a winsome girlie, she'd the habits of the sloth.

This, of course, was known to mother, who had called her fit better. Just to hear her murmur "Bother" and emit a well-bred snore.

"Oh, I'll wake and call you early," her determined mother said. "Then if you don't bet up, girlie, I'll just yank you out of bed."

IN LONDON.

"If I say my prayers tonight, mamma, will they get by the Zepelins?"

But today Mr. Harris swore that Col. Allison himself had told him over the telephone in New York that he had been connected with the fuse business but had dropped out of it.

"Did you tell that to General Bertram?" asked Mr. Meredith.

"I did."

"What did he say?"

"He said, 'Foxy Allison.'"

Although the commission rises at 5.30 it was long after 6 o'clock when the cross-examination of Mr. Harris—a cross-examination in which Mr. Justice Duff and Mr. Justice Meredith participated—was concluded.

Messrs. Ewart, Laflamme and Hellmuth strove valiantly but vainly to find a weak spot in the witness's story and when the commission finally adjourned the points brought out by Mr. Johnston in the morning and mercilessly driven home by Mr. Carvell in the afternoon, stood out more sharply than ever.

"Let's call a spade a spade," remarked Justice Meredith, in conclusion. "Your interview with the Shell Committee led you to believe that there was a middleman somewhere who prevented you from getting a contract?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you not think that it was your duty to make this matter public at the time?" pressed the commissioner.

"I went to the Prime Minister and told him. What else could I do?"

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