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CONFLICTING STATEMENTS FEATURE THE STATE HOUSE ARCHITECT PROBE

Committees and Sub-Committees Differ as to Who was Present at the Meeting and Who was not Present--Architect Todd on the Stand.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The Todd claim for \$13,550 will be still further investigated by a special committee from the house under a resolution which the house passed this morning. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Stevenson. It follows:

"That a committee of five members of the house be forthwith appointed by the speaker and when appointed, shall constitute a commission whose duty it shall be to investigate and report to this house with all convenient speed the facts as to the conduct and action of the committee on state house and grounds, and its subcommittees, and all other persons and officers connected therewith or alleged to have been connected therewith or to have had anything to do with the same, as to the plans undertaken and contracts entered into to carry out the terms of a concurrent resolution, the object of which was to carry out suggestions of the governor in his message No. 5 in relation to the state house.

"2. That said commission shall have the power and authority to swear witnesses, send for and compel the attendance of witnesses and production of paper; employ a stenographer; preserve order, and shall report the testimony, with their conclusions thereon, back to this house with all convenient speed at this session. That the sergeant-at-arms of this house is directed to serve all processes issued by the said commission, signed by its chairman, and obey the orders of said commission."

Speaker Smith appointed the following committee to investigate the Todd claim for \$13,550: L. M. Gasque, J. H. Miller, R. B. Belsler, J. W. Boyer, and J. K. Connor.—Spartanburg Herald.

The First Meeting.

The committee was appointed by Speaker Smith, and Friday there was considerable contradictory testimony at the first session. Mr. Bryan said that not only his subcommittee was familiar with the facts, but that all members of the committee knew about the contract with Todd & Benson when it was discussed on September 27 in the office of Gov. Blease. Other members of the whole committee said that the contract was not brought up and that they knew nothing about the claim for \$13,550 filed later. They did know that there was some discussion as to the fees allowed an architect, and there was also some talk about allowing Mr. Todd not more than \$1,000 for his "campaign of education," as one member termed it. The details of the contract, however, were not prepared at this committee's meeting and were drawn up afterward in Charleston by Mr. Bryan on some of the data taken at the committee meeting. This contract was witnessed in Charleston by the architects interested and later in Columbia signed by Messrs Todd and Bryan and Dixon on behalf of the commission in Columbia, as is shown in the testimony below. The contract was dated back to September 27, but it was signed in Columbia in a room rented by Mr. Todd over the transfer station at the corner of Main and Gervais streets several days later.

Mr. Wells, Mr. Mitchum and Mr. Regues said that they had not attended any meeting of the general committee, except the one called for September. They knew nothing of the meetings held during the session of the general assembly when the subcommittee was appointed. This is one of the points upon which emphasis was made yesterday. A summary of the meeting yesterday is given.

Mr. Bryan said that the general committee knew of the plans and approved of the expenditure of the money for Todd & Benson on account of the authority given under the resolution adopted after Gov. Blease sent a special message to the general assembly regarding the toilets and the approaches to the State house.

Other members of the committee say that they were not familiar with the contract except that an architect's fee was discussed in a general way,

and that while they liked the plans they did not understand that there approval bound them to the claim filed.—The State.

Contractor Todd's Version.

At the meeting held Monday, among other witnesses was A. W. Todd who drew up the plans and made the "educational campaign". The testimony appeared in The State and was about as follows:

A. W. Todd was then sworn. Mr. Todd said he had been an architect for 32 years. He is a member of the general assembly. "Mr. Bryan said to me to go ahead with the work, but I asked him as to his authority."

Mr. Todd then presented a written statement which Mr. Blackburn, on being recalled, said he prepared at the dictation of the governor. It is dated July 26, 1911, and addressed to Mr. Bryan, authorizing the employment of an architect in regard to the State house as suggested in the message, and to employ an architect as reasonably as possible, as he (the governor) was sure that it was not the intention of the general assembly to go to any considerable expense.

Mr. Todd then said he was asked as to his idea of the toilet approaches. He told them it would require comprehensive study, and later he appeared before the committee and told the members that the toilets would have to be put on the inside, as he majority of the offices were dungeons, and to meet the demands of the building additions were necessary.

Sub-committee Named.

"It was then moved," said Mr. Todd, "that a committee be appointed to look into the matter. A resolution was introduced and passed. I was then told to go ahead with the plans and I worked the whole year with experts on the matter. Then in September I told the chairman that I was ready, and the meeting was called."

Mr. Todd then showed his plans and produced pictures and the article in The State, September 28, describing the proposed building, which he said was mailed to every member of the general assembly.

The report, Mr. Todd said, was published in The State by the permission of the committee, and he gave it to a representative of The State after permission was obtained.

Traveling Expenses.

He told the committee that it was not customary for an architect to travel over state and solicit work. It certainly had never been his policy.

Questioned as to the appropriation of \$1,000 for traveling Mr. Todd said: "The governor said, 'That is a hell of an exorbitant fee. I canvassed the State for \$350 when I ran for governor."

"Mr. Dixon said, 'But this is an extraordinary affair,' and the governor said the matter was with the committee."

"I told them as to the architect I would work under fees as provided by the American association and the resolution passed unanimously. We appointed a committee to draw up a bill and there was objection to the \$1,000,000 plan. It was suggested that the appropriation be made in annual installments of \$300,000 each. The contract was drawn up in Charleston."

When First Called.

Replying to Mr. Gasque, he was called on first at a meeting of the committee during the general assembly in 1911, and he was acting under instructions of the general committee under an oral contract.

Mr. Todd then read the contract. He maintained that the phrase, "as heretofore," implied that the committee acknowledged that he was employed. Mr. Todd explained the plans, which he said he had spent months on.

"From what I hear I should have required the contract a year ago," said Mr. Todd.

Replying to Mr. Gasque, he said he was in no competition, and under the rules of the association the fees are due pro rata, and he was, now

entitled to one-fifth of the entire fee. He entered into no competition, because it was the rule of his office. There were other rules—for instance, no negro could get a plan from his office.

Was Directly Interested.

"The matter was impressed on my mind because I was directly interested. I wouldn't spend money on a contingency. I understood the contract was made in good faith."

Replying to Mr. Gasque, he said he visited people throughout the State, talked to tax payers and interested them in it. Mr. F. C. Cary had told him that he would support the plans if the governor would not veto them. Mr. Todd told Mr. Cary that he could make no promises.

"I keep no account of my expenses, but if that is a matter of controversy, I will eliminate them despite the fact that The State has attempted to pervert the facts. I would like to know what architect it was The State says roughly speaking, the improvements would cost \$3,000,000."

"There are plenty of architects who enter into competition, but I am not one of them. The State newspaper has never said that the \$1,000 appropriated was to acquaint the people with the facts."

Mr. Todd stated emphatically that he understood that he was to be paid for the model and for the traveling. He had spent nearly a year on the work. He consulted E. Marion Rucker and other attorneys as to whether or not, as a member of the legislature, he (Mr. Todd) was violating the ethics of the profession. Mr. Rucker said no.

At the September meeting he was busy explaining the plans and he could not say whether or not the governor was in the office all the time. He naturally thought that the meeting being held there, it was authorized.

Never Heard Objection.

He never consulted the governor privately.

"I never heard a 'no' on any plans discussed at the meeting. As to the traveling expense account, I would rather wipe that out. According to Mr. Bryan, I thought I had authority to proceed with the plans after the February meeting. If I knew then what I know now, I certainly would not have gone on with the work. I told them that it would take lots of money to fix this capitol. The dome, for instance, is unsafe. I think as to toilet approaches, if you bother the approaches to the toilets, you endanger the rest of the building."

Mr. Belsler asked the witness after reading the governor's message, how it could be possible to interpret the idea as it was done.

Mr. Todd said that when once work was started on the capitol it meant wholesale changes. The front steps were unsafe, new offices were needed, and South Carolina should arrange for a new building.

The contract and his report were prepared in his office in Charleston, but he did not know where the minutes were drawn up.

Questioned by Mr. Gasque, he said he did not recall who he visited. For instance, he talked to representative men like Col. Johnstone. He did not call on the governor, because the meeting was held there and the governor was presumably familiar with the plans. He named four from his office who were here on architectural work. The whole thing had cost about \$8,000 in addition to his work of a year.

"I felt as sure of my money, as if I was investing in a gold bond," repeated Mr. Todd.

Gov. Blease May Testify.

It was reported Monday that Gov. Blease had been "invited" to appear before the committee.

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MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

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Arrangements are already under way for the Memorial Day exercises to be held on the tenth of May under the auspices of the J. B. Kershaw chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

At the last meeting of the chapter, it was unanimously determined to return to the time-honored custom of having the entire program carried out at the cemetery instead of having the address delivered in the opera house. Hence the time of day is also changed—the exercises this year being in the afternoon, toward sunset, when it is to be expected that the weather will not be uncomfortably warm, and particularly when the children can participate without interference with school.

While the program in detail has not yet been definitely decided upon, it is known that the exercises at the cemetery will be in the nature of a combination (and condensation) of what last year was done at the opera house and at the cemetery. That is to say, there will be music, presentation of crosses of honor, the reading of the roll and an address. In addition thereto, each soldier's grave will be decorated with a laurel wreath tied with red and white ribbons; these wreaths being placed by a number of little girls who will have been carefully instructed and drilled in advance so that this feature of the program may be promptly and properly carried out with no possibility of a single grave being overlooked or neglected.

In fact this idea of precision and careful preparation is to signalize the entire event which, while dignified and in a measure solemn as well, is hoped to be not without sufficient "dash" and vigor to make it distinctly interesting as well as instructive.

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While, therefore, every effort will be made to secure the attendance of as many veterans as can possibly be present and while of course it is expected that the general public will come in large numbers, particular stress will be laid upon the desirability of having all the school children attend; and it is expected that a special invitation and request will in the near future be accordingly extended.

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9:50	3:34	Prosperity	12:42	6:26
11:15	4:55	Ar Columbia Lv	11:15	5:00
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