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THE CREDIT MOBILIER SCANDAL.

THE COMMITTEE PUSHING THE INVESTIGATION.

OAKES AMES ON THE STAND AGAIN—LIGHT BREAKING ON THE SUBJECT.

COLFAX CORNERED AND CAUGHT IN A SNARE—THAT $1200 CHECK.

WASHINGTON, Jan 21st & 22nd.—The House Committee to investigate the Credit Mobilier corruption case, resumed the examination of witnesses.

After Senator Patterson made an explanation, Oakes Ames was put on the stand again.

TESTIMONY OF OAKES AMES.

Oakes Ames reappeared Tuesday evening before the committee, and begun his statement in view of what he considered an attempt to make a scapegoat of him. He begun by saying that Patterson approached him with the request to invest $3,000 for him. Here Poland asked what sort of investment was talked of. Ames replied, "Credit Mobilier, we talked of nothing else." Ames resumed, and said that Patterson gave him $3,000 in January, 1868, to invest. He put it into Credit Mobilier. In February there was a dividend paid to Patterson of $2 223, and in the same month he transferred to him thirty shares of Union Pacific stock. In June there was another dividend of $1,800. About two months ago he settled with Patterson, and gave him 100 Pacific shares for all back dividends.

Judge Poland questioned Mr. Ames as to the letters he wrote to Mr Patterson during the campaign, wherein he stated that Mr. Patterson did not hold the stock, and asked him if he thought the interpretation put upon those letters now could be exactly in accordance with the Gospel. [Laughter.]

Mr. Ames—Well, Mr. Patterson did not appear on the books as a stockholder. Mr. Patterson was anxious that I should write something to exonerate him, and I wrote those letters.

Mr. Niblack—Well, Mr. Ames, if you regarded the whole matter of holding stock as honorable, why did you attempt to cover up anything?

Mr. Ames—I never did cover up anything, unless it was by those letters. Mr Patterson wanted me to write the letters covering up certain points for him

Mr. Niblack.—"I regard the mistakes of persons connected with this thing as very bad." He then inquired of Mr. Ames why he assisted them in skulking?

Mr. Ames.—Because I am kind-hearted and want to help everybody. [Laughter.]

MR. M'COMB WAS THEN QUESTIONED

in regard to the quarrel among the directors in New York, and said it was the result of a general mistrust of each other because Mr. Alley wanted to have the time of election, &c, changed. He was then questioned in regard to the Washburne move in Congress. He said he could not explain it, but Ames explained it to be an effort on the part of C. C Washburne to fix the price for freight, which Ames did not desire to have done

Mr. Ames denied that he had ever written a letter to Mr. McComb about Colfax.

Mr. McComb said he would look among his letters, and if he had such would produce them before the close of the investigation.

THE EXAMINATION OF OAKES AMES

was continued. He testified, in answer to questions of Judge Poland, that he agreed to give to Mr. Colfax twenty shares of Credit Mobilier stock, but did not remember when the agreement was made; thought it was early in the session of December, 1867. Witness got the stock and received the dividend upon it of 80 per cent in bonds; accounted to Mr. Colfax for the bonds, which were sold by witness, and

MR. COLFAX GAVE WITNESS A CHECK

for $534 72, dated March 5th, 1868, upon the sergeant-at-arms. Did not remember of delivering the stock to Mr. Colfax. The check and the proceeds of the Union Pacific stock paid for the Credit Mobilier stock. In the June following gave Mr. Colfax a check for $1,200 dividends on Credit Mobilier. Heard the statement of Mr. Colfax before the committee.

Q. What do you say about what Mr Colfax said in regard to him making you a present of $500? A. He said some such thing to me about being sorry for my misfortunes. I cannot remember his words now. Mr. Colfax had never called upon witness for the Credit Mobilier stock. Has it ready to deliver to him whenever he wants it. Supposed Mr Colfax understood that the $1,200 was a dividend upon the Credit Mobilier stock

Q. Has he ever repaid you that $1,200? A. Not to my knowledge. It don't belong to me.

Mr. Colfax, who was present, said he reasserted what he said before; and in regard to the $1,200 he now gave notice to Mr. Ames that he would prove a negative

Mr. Colfax then questioned Mr. Ames as follows:

Q. Did I offer to pay you the $534 72, or did you come to me and ask me to pay you? A. That I cannot tell

Q. Did you tell me some dividends had been earned, but were unadjusted? A. I told you a dividend of 80 per cent in Union Pacific stock had been declared Q Did I ask you to buy the bonds? A. I did not buy the bonds. They were dividends, and I sold them, accounting for the proceeds to you Q Did you sell the stock? A. I have not sold it.

Witness regarded him (Colfax) now as the proprietor of the Credit Mobilier stock. Did not remember what Mr Colfax said at the next session about the transaction being off. All that he remembers about it is what Mr Colfax said in his testimony. Did not remember of saying after he heard the testimony of Mr. Colfax on January 7, that what he said was correct.

Mr. Colfax.—Well, Mr. Crounse so informed me that you told him, and so telegraphed to the New York Times.

Witness did not remember where Mr. Colfax was when he gave him the check for $1,200.

Mr. Colfax.—Did not I tell you the first week in the session that I wanted you to tell the entire truth about this matter?

Mr. Ames.—That is what I have done to-day, sir. Did not remember any other cash dividend except the one in July.

Mr. Colfax.—Mr. Durant says there was also a bond dividend. Now, what did you do with the bonds belonging to me? A. They were not bonds, but bond certificates, and I sold them with your stock for you; you are entitled to them.

Q. Have you ever offered them to me? A. No, sir. I am awaiting the result of this suit. The check for $1,200 was payable to S. C. It is in the possession of the sergeant-at-arms as a voucher to my account. The check was given a long time before the conversation about the matter being off. That check, my dear sir, was in June, and the conversation between us about the matter being off was not until the next session. Never gave Mr. Colfax any bonds or stock of the Union Pacific railroad.

MR. COLFAX DENIES RECEIVING A DOLLAR.

Mr Colfax—Now, if the committee will allow, I assert under oath, that I do not remember of having received a single dollar from Mr. Ames.

Mr. Ames again repeated his statement. He had no recollection of the conversation with Mr. Crounse.

Mr Colfax requested that the sergeant-at-arms be summoned to produce the books and papers referred to.

Mr Ames was then questioned in regard to the statement of Senator Wilson, and stated that the testimony of that gentleman was substantially correct. His recollection was and his books showed that he had settled with Mr Wilson. Thought Mr. Wilson received the dividend, and upon settling the matter returned it; so he or Mrs Wilson received nothing but the $2,000 back and ten per cent. upon it.

Judge Poland—Then you say the statement of Mr Wilson is substantially true? Answer—Yes, sir.

Mr Ames was then questioned

IN REGARD TO MR. ALLISON, OF IOWA

and testified that Mr Allison bought $1,000 worth of Credit Mobilier stock, and witness got it for him, with the 80 per cent. dividends, in U. P. bonds, sold the bonds, and Mr Allison settled by a check for $271 balance, which settled for the bonds and interest. Mr Allison then received a check for $600 dividend in June. The check from Mr Allison to witness was dated April 4th, 1868. Mr Allison gave par for his stock and $47 interest. The $600 check which witness gave Allison he found with the sergeant-at-arms, endorsed by Mr Allison.

Mr Colfax inquired if the check given him was endorsed. A. No, sir, it was filled out S. C., and required no endorsement.

Witness resumed—When he got the cash dividend from Credit Mobilier, deposited ten thousand dollars with the sergeant-at-arms and drew on it to pay the stockholders. Witness holds all the stock except that given to Senator Patterson. Mr Bingham and Mr Painter. Mr Allison received his stock certificates at the time he bought them, but returned them to witness last March Did not know why he returned them The envelope merely contained the stock certificates, but no letter of explanation. Did not remember offering Mr Allison a small sum of money to repurchase the stock. Upon receiving the stock certificates from Mr Allison when he returned them, witness supposed that he (Allison) did not want to hold the Credit Mobilier stock after the suit had commenced. Did believe that he (witness) had paid Allison a small sum of money—five cents or thereabouts—so it could be called the property of either one.

Mr Merrick—It was a device on the part of Mr Allison to avoid being mixed up in the law suit. A. To being mixed up in this malicious charge of bribery. Witness supposed Mr Allison became alarmed at the charge, and thought there would be an impropriety Received no check on New York with the certificates. Did receive a check from Mr Allison, but it was about another matter entirely.

Q What was it? A. A negotiation I went into with him in 1865 in regard to a transaction in Iowa.

MEMBERS WHO NEVER WERE STOCKHOLDERS

Mr Ames then testified that Senator Conkling, Senator Fowler and Senator Bayard have never been stockholders in the Credit Mobilier to his knowledge; neither of them ever paid witness anything or received anything from him. As to Speaker Blaine he had no further statement to make. He never paid witness anything nor did witness pay him anything. His name was not upon the books of witness at all. "There was a talk between us, and that is all."

Q. And he never derived any advantage from the stock or the talk? A. No sir. Only in being abused.

ABOUT MR. DAWES.

Judge Poland—Well, now, about Mr Dawes?

Mr Ames—Well, Mr Dawes took some stock and settled for it by paying $1,000 about the same time as the others. Witness had quite an account with Mr Dawes, having bought bonds for him to the extent of three or four thousand dollars, and at another time invested for him fifteen hundred dollars in the Iowa Falls and Sioux City railroad

Q. Did you pay any dividends to Mr Dawes? A. I think I did, sir. I paid him $600 dividend, or paid it in part—about $400 I believe, as he owed me on other matters.

Q. When was this matter ended between you and Mr Dawes? A In December, 1868 He received the stock and dividends, but he (Dawes) got

FRIGHTENED AT THE DUFF GREEN SUIT.

and we settled up on the 9th of December, 1868 He got back his one thousand dollars and ten per cent interest. Witness here produced a promissory note given him by Mr Dawes in making the settlement, dated December 9, 1868, for two hundred and sixty-three dollars and six cents, payable on demand, with interest. When Mr Dawes purchased the stock he paid $800 on the 11th of January, 1868, and the balance a few days afterwards.

ABOUT GARFIELD.

Judge Poland—Well, as to Mr Garfield? Will you state to the committee the details of the transaction between yourself and General Garfield in regard to the Credit Mobilier stock?

A. I agreed to let him have ten shares of Credit Mobilier stock at par and interest, in December, '67, or January, '68. Mr Garfield did not pay me in money, and I took the one thousand dollar bond received with the stock, and received seven hundred and some dollars from the sale. In June I received the money dividend of $600, which, with the money received from the bonds, left a balance due Mr Garfield of three hundred and twenty nine dollars, which I paid him. I did not deliver him any stock either before or since. He never had the stock, nor the only thing he ever realized from it was $329.

Q. Has that $329 ever been repaid to you? A. I have no recollection of it.

Q. Did you ever loan Mr. Garfield $329? A. Not to my knowledge, unless he calls this a loan. I believe he does, and I will let it go as he wants to do.

Judge Poland—Well, but it must be the truth.

Mr. Ames—Well, the truth is what I am telling you. Without more supposed he had any right to the money ($329) given to Garfield, and never claimed it. He would not undertake that Mr Garfield has undergone during the past month for three hundred and twenty-nine thousand dollars, let alone three hundred and twenty-nine dollars.

Judge Merrick—Have you had some correspondence with Mr Garfield in the last few days touching this matter?

A. I hardly know what I did touch. Had not kept copies of the correspondence, merely put his reply on the back of Mr Garfield's letters. Never received the letter which Gen. Garfield said he left at the Arlington.

ABOUT MR. KELLEY.

Judge Poland—Well, what about Mr Kelley?

Mr Ames—He agreed to take $1,000 worth of stock The transaction was just the same as that with Mr Garfield. I received the bond, sold it, and then received the $600 dividend, and paid over to Mr Kelley $329, being the balance due him. The transaction in amount and detail was exactly similar to that with General Garfield The check given him was marked, "pay W. D K." Witness had loaned Mr Kelley money several times; loaned him $750 in September, and he supposed that Mr Kelley had added the $329 to that when he said that he owed him one thousand dollars. There never was anything said between them about the $329 being a loan Witness still holds the stock for Mr Kelley, and supposes that he (Kelley) considers himself entitled to it and the dividends.

AS TO MR SCHOFIELD

Judge Poland—Well, as to Mr Schofield?

Mr Ames—Well, his case is similar to that of Mr Dawes It was at the same time, and he gave me $1,000, and took a receipt for it. I received the bond as dividend on the ten shares. Do not recollect exactly how I settled with him. The matter was settled, however. He received the bond as his first dividend, and the $600 in money in June. Shortly after that we settled, and I took the matter off his hands He gave back the Credit Mobilier stock, but kept the Union Pacific stock.

ABOUT MR BINGHAM.

Judge Poland—What about Mr Bingham?

Mr Ames—Well, his statement is substantially correct Witness received $2000 from Mr Bingham to invest in Credit Mobilier stock. So invested it, and Mr Bingham received the benefits and dividends from it. At one time Mr Bingham wanted to sell his Credit Mobilier stock, but witness advised him not to do so.

TESTIMONY OF N. G. ORDWAY.

N. G. Ordway, sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, was sworn, and examined by Mr Colfax.—Witness had examined the account of Mr Colfax for 1868, but saw no entry of a deposit of $1,200 there; had not examined the accounts of Mr Ames; he did deposit some money in 1868; did not remember if the check given to Mr Allison was endorsed; saw a check with the letters "S. C., or bearer," for $1,200; witness does not pay out or receive the money; the paying teller in 1868 was Thomas B. Cheney; other checks were payable to initials; no endorsement was required from members of Congress generally when they drew the money themselves; the check payable to "S. C." was signed by Oakes Ames.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

HON. WM. D. KELLEY, OF PENN.,

cross-examined Oakes Ames. In reply to Mr Kelley's questions Mr Ames replied: I hold as your property ten shares of Credit Mobilier stock, which you paid for in June, 1868. There have been two or three dividends, but I cannot state what they were. I hold them for you. I also hold Union Pacific stock of yours, which came into my hands in January or February, 1868. I should think I have forty or fifty shares of Union Pacific stock. I also received some certificates of first mortgage bonds, which the company was not able to give, and they were exchanged for income bonds, but I don't recollect the amount.

Judge Kelley—For the present I am simply in pursuit of what I am worth—Can you furnish the committee with a list of the property you hold for me? Yes, sir; I think I can by to-morrow.

Q. How did I pay you for the Credit Mobilier stock? A. In the first place you were to pay me $1,000 for the stock and interest.

Q. How soon can you deliver me ten shares of Credit Mobilier stock and dividends?

Mr. Ames (producing the certificate of Credit Mobilier stock from his pocket)—I can deliver them now, sir, and the dividends you can have soon

Mr. Kelley.—Hand them to the chairman with the list of dividends for my use.

Mr. Ames (handing the certificates to Judge Poland.)—If you say you don't own them, I don't see how you are entitled to the dividends.

Mr. Kelley.—But you say I do own them, and I intend to make use of them.

Mr Ames—Certainly, sir; that is what I agree to perfectly.

Q When I receive them from the chairman will I or not be your debtor? A. Yes, for $750.

Q How does that come? A If you receive all the dividends and I don't take my pay you will owe me $750, which I loaned you. The Credit Mobilier stock was all paid for by the first dividend of bonds and the cash dividends in June following.

Q Did you ever hand me a check marked "W D K" A Yes, sir.

Q Were there any other checks except those marked W. D. K. and S. C? A Yes, sir.

Q How many? A I can't tell. I see Mr J. F. Wilson endorsed his, and Mr. Patterson endorsed his.

PRESENTING THE ESSENCE OF OPINION.

Mr Ames to Mr Kelley—You don't do by having received the $329, do you?

Mr Kelley—No, sir; I don't deny having received the money, but I do deny having received the check alluded to by Mr Ames. I cannot remember of having received it, and do not believe I received it. To the best of my knowledge and belief I did not receive it. I have always stated so. As to the amounts I received from Mr. Ames I have no doubt he has stated them correctly.

Mr Ames—Did you ask me repeatedly when you would get any more dividends on that stock? A No, sir. Did not remember of giving Mr Ames a note or memorandum of the amount received.

Q By Mr Ames—What was said when I passed you $750? A I can't tell. I had asked you a few days before for a loan. Mr Ames and Mr Kelley had some talk about dividends on the stock.

Mr Ames, the sergeant-at-arms of the House, was called, and explained how the business of his office was conducted; private accounts being kept with each member, as they frequently sent drafts home, &c. He produced the books, and under date of June 24, 1868, pointed out the entry of $329 paid on check marked W. D. K., and signed Oakes Ames. Also produced the check, and testified he believed it was in the handwriting of Mr. Ames.

STORY OF A CONFERENCE DENIED.

Judge Kelley denied that he had had a meeting with Colfax, Patterson and Garfield Thursday evening, to determine upon the course they should pursue to break down the testimony of Ames.

Mr Colfax stated that he left the city at one o'clock Thursday for Trenton, N. J.

SEE OAKES AMES CHECKS.

Moses Dillon and Thomas B. Cheney, clerks in the office of the sergeant-at-arms of the House, were examined as to the checks and entries. The former, who is cashier of the office, testified that he would have paid a check marked W. D. K. or S. C. to Mr. Ames if he had handed it in. Ames made a deposit of $10,000 to his private account in June, 1868.

Mr. Ames.—Will you turn to the book and see if the check for $532 is charged to Colfax. The Witness.—It is; but I see nothing to the credit of his account except mileage and salary. Saw no credit to the account of Mr. Colfax of a $1,200 check.

L. L. Crouse, correspondent of the New York Times, testified that in a conversation with Ames, shortly after Colfax had first testified, Ames admitted that the statement made by Colfax was "about correct," or "probably correct."

Judge Poland to Mr. Ames.—If you desire to make a statement in reference to the conversation between yourself and Mr. Crouse, you can do so now, Mr. Ames.

Mr. Ames.—Oh, I had no conversation with him. It was mere casual conversation with him, and I did not say five words. I don't remember saying anything to him about Colfax.

MR. KELLEY AND MR. AMES.

Mr. Kelley to Mr. Ames.—Do the ten shares of Credit Mobilier stock placed in the hands of the chairman of the committee, subject to my order, bear any portion of the dividends under the Oakes Ames contract?

Mr. Ames.—Yes, sir. They are entitled to all the dividends.

Mr. Kelley.—I desire to say Mr. Chairman that you will please hold them to my order.

MR. COLFAX AND MR. AMES.

Mr. Colfax inquired of Mr. Ames why he had not cross-examined him about that check when he gave his testimony.

Mr. Ames.—I did not want