

PROBE LEASE ON POSTOFFICE

Attorney General to Sift
Fraud Charges.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 14.—Attorney General Sargent today assured Representative Maas of St. Paul that the Department of Justice would proceed at once to investigate the circumstances of the Government's \$120,000 "unbreakable" lease on a postoffice building in St. Paul, on property estimated by a Federal grand jury to be worth about \$250,000.

Maas said if the facts disclosed by a Department of Justice investigation warranted it, he would ask for a congressional investigation, not only of the St. Paul situation, but of Government leases throughout the country.

The Federal Grand Jury sitting in St. Paul last week went into the matter of the Federal building and commercial station there, because matters were proceeding so slowly and uncertainly with regard to a new Government-owned postoffice for St. Paul.

The promoters who put up the building in St. Paul, which they subsequently rented to the Government, also floated a bond issue on the basis of the Government's twenty-year "unbreakable lease" at \$120,000 per year.

The Federal Grand Jury held that "fraud, misrepresentation and corruption entered into the transaction from its inception."

Branded Hubby Asks Divorce

By United Press
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, Ill., March 14.—Frank Brown filed suit for divorce here, charging his wife advocated companionate marriage and that she branded him with a red-hot poker.

Last Game of Season Is Played by Radio Bridge Experts; Interest Keen

THE Radio Bridge season ended with the game broadcast Tuesday night under auspices of The Times from Station WFBM. Judging from the comments received at the studio, it left the radio audience with a desire for the continuation of the series next fall.

Participating in the game with Milton C. Work and Wilbur M. Whitehead were Mrs. Guy U. Purdy of Omaha, whose fame extends into many States as a result of her classes in many parts of this country and Canada; and W. E. Byrnes of New York, former president of the American Whist League.

Mrs. Purdy, the Dealer, South, opened the game with a pre-emptive bid of four Hearts on: Spades, 6, 4; Hearts, A, K, Q, 10, 7, 6, 4, 2; Diamonds, 5; Clubs, C, 2. Whitehead, West, was in an awkward predicament. With his holding—Spades, K, J, 7, 2; Hearts, None; Diamonds, K, Q, 10, 7; Clubs, A, K, 9, 8, 4—he would have liked to double informatorily for his partner's best bid.

But unfortunately a double of a bid of four is a business double, and Whitehead was not at all sure he could defeat four Hearts bid on what undoubtedly was a freak hand.

An original bid of four indicates ordinarily a practically solid suit of at least eight cards with but little or no support; and judging from Whitehead's own holding, Mrs. Purdy might hold as many as ten Hearts in sequence, with a sure game.

On the other hand, Whitehead reasoned that his own high cards should produce game if played with his partner's best suit as trump, unless his partner held a worthless hand.

In that case game at Hearts would be probable for the opponents, and any loss that Whitehead might sustain, should be made a bid and be

defeated, would be largely offset by the game saved.

MR. WHITEHEAD accordingly determined to bid his hand defensively. His plan contemplated the naming of his Spade suit first, which would require a bid of but four.

Should the opponents bid five Hearts, Whitehead intended to double for business. Should his bid of four Spades be doubled, Whitehead would then bid five Clubs before showing his Diamonds. Any double of this or other bids must come from North, as South with her holding could not possibly have any reason for doubling an adverse bid.

Following, North's double of five Clubs, if made, Whitehead's partner, East, could show his preference for Spades without increase of contract; and should he express this preference, Whitehead would be prepared to play the hand at five Spades doubled.

But should East pass the doubled five Club bid, Whitehead would bid five Diamonds, which would become the final bid unless his partner, with much better support for Clubs, should bid six of that suit.

Whatever might be the development, Whitehead was prepared for it, and thus anticipated no serious loss. Therefore he bid four Spades. Work, North, with a sure trick in Diamonds and possible tricks both in Spades and in Clubs, bid five Hearts.

Byrnes, East, on the strength of his four Spades, including the Ace, raised his partner's Spade bid to five.

Mrs. Purdy passed, as she already had bid the full strength of her hand. Whitehead also passed, as the bidding had developed in such manner as to make it unnecessary for him to carry out his contemplated program.

Work passed. He was tempted to

double, but did not because it might help Declarer to place the Queen of trumps. Thus Whitehead won the bid for five Spades.

WORK opened the play by leading the Jack of Hearts, the higher of his two cards of his partner's suit. Byrnes spread his hand for Dummy, and Declarer played from it the 3 of Spades.

Mrs. Purdy covered with the Queen of Hearts with the intention of leading her singleton Diamond should the trick hold. Declarer trumped with the 2 of Spades.

Whitehead then studied the hand to determine his best plan of play. He saw that if he could hold his losses to one Club and one Diamond he could make his bid.

Considering the trump situation, Whitehead assumed that the Queen was held by North. If the adverse trumps were split normally, 3-2, the Queen would be but twice guarded and a single finesse through it would result eventually in its capture, thus preventing the loss of a trick in trumps.

One of Whitehead's trumps, therefore, had to be used for finessing, and his King had to be used to take one round of trumps. That would leave him only one trump with which to ruff Hearts in addition to the one already used for that purpose.

One of Dummy's two remaining Hearts must therefore be discarded to prevent the loss of a Heart trick. Dummy also had to discard a Diamond, or a second Diamond trick would be lost.

However, Whitehead saw that if he could establish his Club suit in three rounds, the two vital discards from Dummy could be made on the two Club tricks thus established.

Whitehead therefore concluded that the making of his contract was dependent upon the normal 3-2 split both of trumps and of Clubs, as-

suming the Queen of trumps to be held by North.

If either suit were not so split, the contract would be set. Accordingly, as the only way to make his contract, Whitehead proceeded on the assumption of normal splits, even though all chances were against them.

HIS plans perfected, Whitehead led the 4 of Clubs, to take his inevitable loss of a Club trick at once and facilitate the establishment of the suit, while at the same time concealing his Club strength. Work played the Jack; Dummy the 3; Mrs. Purdy the 2.

Work led the 9 of Hearts, to force the Declarer again. Dummy played the 5; Mrs. Purdy the King.

Whitehead trumped with the Jack of Spades, not with a low Spade, in order that the Ace-10 in Dummy might be placed in tenace position over the Queen he assumed to be in Work's hand.

Dummy led the King of Spades; Work played the 8; Dummy the 3; Mrs. Purdy the 4. Whitehead continued with the 7 of Spades; Work played the 9; Dummy finessed the 10; and Mrs. Purdy played the 6.

Dummy led the Ace of Spades; Mrs. Purdy discarded the 2 of Hearts; Declarer the 7 of Diamonds; and Work played the Queen of Spades.

Dummy then led the 10 of Clubs; Mrs. Purdy played the 6; Declarer the King; Work the 7. Declarer continued with the Ace of Clubs; Work played the Queen; Dummy the 5; and Mrs. Purdy discarded the 6 of Hearts.

Declarer led the 9 of Clubs; Work discarded the 8 of Diamonds; Dummy the 8 of Hearts; and Mrs. Purdy the 6 of Hearts. Declarer led his last Club, the 8; Work discarded the 6 of Diamonds; Dummy the 2 of Diamonds; Mrs. Purdy the 7 of Hearts.

Declarer then led the King of Diamonds; Work played the Ace; Dummy the 3; Mrs. Purdy the 5. Work was obliged to return a Diamond. He led the 9; Dummy played the 4; Mrs. Purdy discarded the 10 of Hearts; Declarer won with the 10 of Diamonds.

Declarer led the Queen of Diamonds; Work played the Jack; Dummy trumped with the 5 of Spades; and Mrs. Purdy discarded the Ace of Hearts.

The adversaries therefore took but two tricks, and Declarer made his contract of five Spades. He scored 45 points for tricks and 40 for four honors divided.

Freud of Stealing House

By United Press
CHICAGO, March 14.—Charges of stealing a \$5,500 bungalow by moving it from one lot to another were dismissed here against Alex C. Stavrou, real estate dealer, because of lack of prosecution.

NAMED RELIEF JUDGE

Robert C. Baltzell to Preside in Federal Court in Chicago.

Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell will sit in the United States Court at Chicago, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, relieving Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson of the northern division of Illinois. Baltzell will return

here Friday for arraignment day and then will return to Chicago for the first four days of the following week.

Woman Faces Forgery Charge

By Times Special
MARTINSVILLE, Ind., March 14.—Miss Emma Barnes, 25, near Do-lan, is held here on a charge of forgery, which authorities say she

has admitted. Merchandise purchased with money derived from bad checks was found in her home.

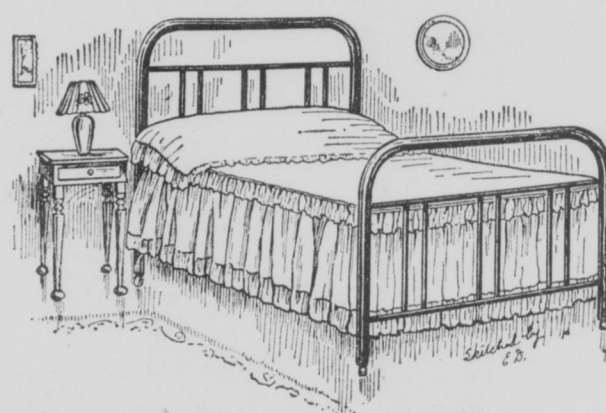
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