

# FAILS TO TESTIFY FOR GOVERNMENT

## N. J. Aboud Disappoints Prosecution When Placed On The Witness Stand

### NEIL JOSEPH DENIES CONSPIRACY CONTENTION

#### Aboud and George Shaha Indicted Under Separate Bill; Government Rests Case and Joseph Introduced As First Witness For Defense; Denies Testimony Given By Nassar

Failure of N. J. Aboud, one of the ten Syrians on trial on charges of conspiracy and of using the mails to defraud, to give testimony as a government witness substantiating the conspiracy contention, as was expected of him by the prosecution, featured yesterday's session of Federal Court here. After District Attorney E. F. Aydtlett had asked for a verdict of not guilty against Aboud and George Shaha as far as the present case is concerned, the two were indicted under a separate bill on charges of conspiracy and of using the mails to defraud.

The government rested its case after putting Aboud on the stand, and Neil Joseph, of Goldsboro, the man whose Ellis Nassar testified entered into an agreement with Nassar to secure a large quantity of merchandise from Northern business houses as part of an alleged fraudulent scheme, was introduced as the first witness for the defense. Joseph denied all testimony given by Nassar relating to the alleged conspiracy. The witness was under cross-examination by District Attorney Aydtlett when court adjourned and will resume the stand when court convenes again this morning.

Aboud was introduced as a witness by the government when court convened yesterday morning, and was examined by the district attorney. When asked by Mr. Aydtlett if he was willing to make a statement, Aboud said he was "willing to tell what he knew." Aboud stated he went into business at Goldsboro in March, 1919, with George Shaha under an agreement that Shaha was to be the manager, and that they were to divide the profits equally. The business was known as the Parisian Shop, George Shaha, proprietor. The witness denied any conversation with Neil Joseph as to establishing credit for the Parisian Shop. Aboud said he went to New York to purchase goods and establish credit for the business and made one or two more trips during the summer. He stated the Parisian Shop was closed out in September, 1919, by creditors, that he did not know how much was due creditors when the business failed and that as far as he was concerned no money was paid to creditors after the failure. The witness flatly denied that any goods were taken from the Parisian Shop to Neil Joseph. Aboud identified statements from creditors totaling \$5,000.70 for goods purchased. The witness admitted that Shaha took money out of the business from time to time and also peddled some of the stock of goods, and that he also took money out of the business for personal use. Because of inability of the witness to give figures on the amounts of merchandise purchased for the Parisian Shop during its existence, Mr. Aydtlett had court suspended until Aboud could go out and get a large number of canceled checks. After the checks were introduced by the district attorney, Aboud, on being questioned, failed to state whether or not part of the checks were given by him in payment of merchandise while on his trips to New York, saying he was unable to remember the incidents.

**Gave Up Examination**

Mr. Aydtlett then gave up the examination of the witness, stating that Aboud had surprised the prosecution. The district attorney said Aboud voluntarily gave up the examination, and the statements of goods purchased a statement for Bradstreet's signed by him and other documents and information, but had denied all on the witness stand. Mr. Aydtlett requested Judge Connor to enter a verdict of not guilty against Aboud and George Shaha as far as the present case was concerned, and that Aboud be held under bond until further orders from the court. Judge Connor directed that Aboud give \$1,000 bond for his daily appearance in court. Later in the day a separate bill of indictment against Shaha and Aboud was passed on by the grand jury, the defendants being charged with conspiring together and with using the mails to defraud. Shaha's bond of \$1,000 was continued in the new case. The government then rested its case.

**Neil Joseph on Stand**

After the dinner recess Neil Joseph took the stand as the first witness for the defense, being examined by Mr. W. A. Finch, of Wilson. The witness stated he came to the United States in 1910, at the age of 16, with his brother-in-law, George Farfour, and went to Goldsboro to work for Farfour, where the latter then operated a store. Joseph stated that the first time he met Ellis Nassar in the United States was at Goldsboro in 1918, although he said he knew Nassar from his childhood days in Syria. Joseph said that Nassar came to the Farfour store, and that Nassar said he proposed to open a store in Goldsboro and asked Joseph to make him a loan of \$500.

Joseph stated that he knew Nassar to be an intelligent and enterprising young man, and that he agreed to loan Nassar the \$500 in installments, advancing Nassar money from July to December, 1918, until the \$500 loan was completed. Joseph testified that he met Nassar in Goldsboro on Christmas of 1918 and that they made arrangements for renting a store-room in Goldsboro for Nassar, the lease for a period of two years being later secured in his name by N. E. Hatem, a cousin of Nassar, and himself. Joseph testified that he gave Nassar the \$500 in installments, and that he received from Nassar a receipt from Hatem after they arrived in Goldsboro from Lumberton. He asserted he did not know Nassar operated The Fair in Lumberton under the name of N. Knoury and had failed, and that he only knew Nassar operated The Leader under the name of A. Nassar.

Joseph further testified that Nassar asked for the loan of money after opening business in Goldsboro. He said Nassar gave no security, but that he advanced Nassar more money to

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# Southerners Get No Recognition in Cabinet State

political. Hays will be given a cabinet job, but will play second fiddle to Daugherty in all political matters and he will also undoubtedly have to resign as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Senator New, of Indiana, is now labeled for that distinction, one he has previously enjoyed. He will stay in the Senate, of course, and on Capitol Hill, and as Attorney General Daugherty, at the Department of Justice, will be the Harding administration's main political prop.

Mr. Harding's promise of a cabinet of super-minds is unfulfilled. He has selected an ordinary cabinet, chiefly composed of politicians, and his administration will be strictly partisan, probably extremely partisan. And in this cabinet, despite all the alluring bait held out of the South by Chairman Hays and his co-workers in pre-election days, there isn't a Southerner. The roll does not include the name of John Motley Morehead, or Marion Butler, of North Carolina, or any Tennesseean, and not even the name of Tobe Hert, of Kentucky. Not a man is there from south of the Ohio, or east of the Mississippi river, and precious little recognition has been given even the great West.

Thus the truth of the old saying that political promises are made "to get in on again" proves.

# SELMA MARKETS BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

Selma, Feb. 25.—The board of trustees of the Graded School last night sold the entire issue of \$175,000 bonds to a Chicago concern, at a rate of 97. It will be recalled that on April 25 last, the handsome building of the graded school was destroyed by fire. Since that time the school children have been forced to use what quarters could be found throughout the town. Realizing the urgent need of a building adequate to take care of the growth of the community for the next few years an election was held last October pursuant to a special act passed by the Legislature last summer and not a dissenting vote was cast. The building will be of fire proof construction and be furnished with all modern conveniences.

The School Board with Dr. R. J. Noble as chairman is backing Supt. W. B. Crumpton in pushing the work through to completion. The plans prepared by Benton & Benton, of Wilson, have been accepted and the J. W. Stout Company, of Sanford, has been employed to do the work. Actual building will not begin for the next 30 days but there are a great many things to be done before that time, so the contractors will begin their operations within the next week. It is the hope of the school authorities that the new building will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the next school year.

# SIR THOMAS DECLINES TO SAY WHETHER WILL ENTER CONTEST

London, Feb. 25.—Sir Thomas Lipton, up to the present has declined to say whether he expects to enter a yacht for the cup offered by King Albert of Belgium for a yacht race to begin July 4 next, off Sandy Hook and to end off Oostend, Belgium. It is considered likely, however, that if Sir Thomas decides to enter the contest his yacht will be the "Lipton" which was used as the "trial horse" for the Shamrock IV in last year's tugging up race at New York for the America's cup.

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