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George E. Lorenz Turns State's Evidence—Tells of Conspiracy Against Government.

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MEMBERS OF THEATRICAL TRUST WILL BE PUT ON TRIAL

Washington, May 31.—George E. Lorenz of Toledo, O., who was convicted with August W. Machen and Samuel and Diller B. Goff on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with contracts for furnishing supplies for the postoffice department, today turned state's evidence in the trial of William G. Crawford, who is charged with conspiracy.

Lorenz did not spare himself in the testimony. He declared that an agreement had been made between himself and Crawford to get contracts to furnish letter carriers' switches to the postoffice department, and that they had shared in the profits. The contracts were gained by reason of Machen's connection with the supply division of the postoffice department, and were filled by Crawford, who was the Postal Device & Lock company of New York.

According to Lorenz, he was the go-between, although there were meetings of the three at the room of Lorenz when he was staying at a hotel in New York in the early part of June, 1902.

The contracts were divided between Lorenz and the stand. For several days it had been rumored that he would tell all he knew of the contracts made with the government by the company of which Crawford was manager, and by so doing would escape further prosecution, although this was denied at the office of the attorney general.

The examination was conducted in relation to Lorenz's acquaintance with Machen. The witness said he had known Machen since 1888, and they had been intimate ever since. Lorenz said he had seen Crawford in Machen's office, but met him first in Crawford's office in Toledo, Ohio, before the time of the trial. At the trial he gave the detail of an agreement to put in bids for postal supplies. He asserted that the matter had been discussed between himself and Machen, and that Crawford showed familiarity with the plans for such an arrangement.

In speaking of the arrangement among the three, Lorenz called it a subsidiary company. He was asked by Holmes Conrad, special counsel for the government, who were meant by "subsidiary company," and he said Machen, Crawford and himself. According to Lorenz, he arrived in Washington on the evening of June 1, and remained until the next day. After the witness was spent in his room at the hotel, where Mr. Machen and Crawford were in conference, "Who first suggested the division of the profits under the contracts obtained by Crawford's company?" asked Mr. Conrad.

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Washington, May 31.—Twenty-four members of the so-called theatrical trust will have to stand trial on a charge of conspiracy in accordance with a decision rendered today by City Magistrate Joseph Pool on the West Side court in the long-pending complaint of James S. McTeague, the dramatic author, against the Theatrical Managers' association. McTeague charged conspiracy in that the members of the association passed a resolution on Jan. 12, by which they agreed to bar him from their theaters.

The men held are Marc Klaw, Abraham E. Erlanger, Oscar Hammerstein, Jacob K. Brooks, Henry Conrad, James H. Curtis, Martin Dickson, Frank Metcfe, J. W. Rosenberg, A. L. Braden, Joseph L. Springer, Leo Teller, W. C. Watson, Percy Williams, W. C. Jordan, Al Hayman, George Kraus, E. D. Stair, W. F. Keogh, L. L. Lichtenstein, and Frank A. Meehan and Harry Harris.

None of the managers was in court when the decision was rendered.

It was said that he will be present at the district attorney's office tomorrow to arrange for bail. In his decision Magistrate Pool says the proceedings were brought by the district attorney under the authority of the attorney general to two or more persons conspiring to prevent a man from following a lawful calling. Of the contention that Marc Klaw and Abraham Erlanger, though present when the resolution was passed, did not vote and should not be held, Magistrate Pool

said: "The evidence shows that Marc Klaw and Abraham Erlanger were the principal subjects of the resolution, and they subsequently carried out the resolve of the meeting by preventing the complainant from entering their establishment through various means, and presented unquestionable tickets of admission. He holds that any member of the association, whether present or not at the meeting, who either directly or indirectly carried out the resolve of the meeting of Jan. 12 or threatened to do so, or who prevented the complainant from entering that establishment through various means, himself for admission with good and proper tickets of admission, is liable to the same charge as if present at the meeting and voting."

Magistrate Pool denied the contention that a theater is a private property and the legal right of the defendants to exclude the complainant. The ground that a theater is a "public place," and said, "I hold a person cannot be denied admission to a theater solely on the ground that he had written criticisms reflecting on one or more of the Theatrical Managers' associations."

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