

# PUBLISHER INDICTED FOR CHEATING WOMEN

**E. G. Lewis Is Charged with Obtaining Millions by Selling Unsecured Bonds.**

**ACCUSES FEDERAL OFFICIALS**

**Says They Have Sought to Destroy Him and That His Trial Will Draw 25,000 Women.**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 12.—E. G. Lewis, until recently publisher of a number of magazines and promoter of enterprises, was indicted by a special Grand Jury in the United States District Court to-day on charges of fraudulent use of the mails.

It is charged in the indictment that by the debenture plan Lewis endeavored to recover, in exchange for long-time debenture papers, securities of his different companies and obligations, most of which were due at early dates, amounting to \$7,160,000. Lewis's bond was fixed at \$5,000.

The indictment, containing twelve counts, covers four proposals which Lewis laid before the public, and in which he is alleged to have obtained several million dollars by misleading statements circulated through the mails.

It is charged that Lewis, through misrepresentations with intent to defraud, sold unsecured notes on the Woman's Magazine building and the Woman's National Daily building in the University City, sold similar notes of the University Heights Realty and Development Company, operated a "debenture scheme," and misrepresented the condition of the Lewis Publishing Company in selling stock in the concern.

Lewis said that he may try to get his trial set for the week of Oct. 23, concurrently with the annual convention of the American Women's League, of which he was the founder.

"I want everybody to hear everything," Lewis said, "and I believe, if properly advertised, my trial would draw 25,000 more women."

To the newspaper reporters at the Marshal's office Lewis gave a long typewritten statement, giving his version of what he termed "the unremitting warfare of destruction kept up incessantly by certain postal officials against the so-called Lewis enterprises."

He said that 120 different pamphlets and circulars had been printed at public expense and sent broadcast to those interested in his institutions, characterizing them as frauds. Post Office Inspectors, he said, have "threatened, misled, intimidated, and urged" those persons to make some sort of a complaint against him. The result, he said, was that his credit had been destroyed and his business ruined, with losses exceeding \$3,000,000. He thus replied to the various charges in the indictments:

"1. The sale of unsecured Lewis Publishing Company notes. No pretense was made that they were secured.

"2. The sale of an over issue of real estate mortgage notes. Each note was certified by a title company, and this charge is knowingly false.

"3. The sale of debentures. The funds from these were used for the purpose for which they were sold.

"4. That the publishing company stock was worthless. The postal officials made it worthless, if that is so."

## BANTAMS HOLD THE STAGE.

**Young Wagner and McGovern Win in Ten-Round Bouts.**

Bantams held forth last night at the Twentieth Century Athletic Club in St. Nicholas Rink, four of the five bouts being between boys supposed to scale in at less than 116 pounds.

In the first of the principal attractions young Wagner of New York beat Young Britt of Baltimore, and in the concluding bout Philly McGovern had the better of his go with Packey Hommey, who failed to take advantage of the winner's poor condition.

It was a long drawn out show with little of interest except several rounds of the McGovern-Hommey bout.

McGovern was well coached and timed his rallies when there was little time left to a round. His condition was ridiculous, and he probably weighed nearer 130 than 116 pounds. Hommey forced the pace throughout, but his blows had no force and if McGovern had been in any kind of shape he would probably have won the bout before it had gone very far.

As it was he all but scored a knockout in the last round when he flattened Hommey with a straight right on the jaw. Hommey got up groggy and managed to mess around and stay the round out.

## WARD LINE STRIKE ON AGAIN.

**Illness of General Manager Prevented Proposed Conference.**

The strike of the firemen against the Ward Line, which was suspended pending a conference which was to take place yesterday, was declared on again last night at a meeting of the Marine Firemen's Union.

When the union committee called to see A. C. Smith, general manager of the line, they found he was too ill to go to his office. Assistant Manager W. D. Macy suggested that the committee wait a day or two, but H. P. Griffin, Chairman of the committee, said he would not dare take that answer to the men, and proposed that Mr. Macy attend last night's meeting.

Mr. Macy at the meeting submitted a temporary compromise plan, which the meeting would not agree to. Other demands were made which he said he could not undertake to accede to, and then he went away.

## WILSON CONDEMNS RUSSIA.

**No Divergence Among Patriotic Americans, He Says, on Passport Question.**

Gov. Woodrow Wilson has sent the following letter to Herman Bernstein regarding his statement that Russia is violating her treaty obligations toward the United States and that the Russian Ministry of the Interior has been hoodwinking the State Department in Washington for years in regard to the passport question:

State of New Jersey,  
Executive Department.  
I do not see how there can be any divergence of feeling among patriotic Americans concerning the situation in Russia with regard to the religious discriminations made by the Russian Government. I haven't had time to give the matter any detailed consideration. The principle involved admits of no argument. Cordially and sincerely yours,  
WOODROW WILSON.