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## LIEUTENANT RODNEY SACKET.

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**A** FOREMOST member in the Millionaires' Club, which sometimes is called the Senate of the United States, is Isaac Stephenson of the State of Wisconsin.

Senator Stephenson is not only a millionaire but a multi-millionaire; he is a "Captain of Industry," not in only two industries, such as "banking" and "lumber." He proudly stands forth as a Captain of Industry in about a dozen different lines. All in all, the Senator is, if not "it," exactly, yet a prominent, a distinguished, a robust pillar of Law-and-Order Capitalism. He certainly is a "type," typical of our rulerdom.

Now, it so happens that this our "Type" is in trouble. The fact does not militate against him. Does not the classic poet say that lightning strikes the mountaintops sooner than it does the valleys? Our Type is surely no valley. If he is not exactly topmost among mountaintops, he certainly is one of the soaring tops of his capitalist ridge. As such he has been struck lightning in the shape of charges of corruption in his election to the Senate, and is now under investigation by a Senate Committee which is "hearing testimony" in Wisconsin.

That much for Stephenson. Now, enter Sacket.

Every captain has a lieutenant. Law-and-Order Captain of Industry Stephenson's lieutenant is one Rodney Sacket. Lieutenant Sacket is his Captain's office manager. Lieutenant Sacket was the disbursing agent of his Captain during the latter's Senatorial campaign. There were minor agents—sub-lieutenants, corporals, ensign men, etc. But they all held under Lieutenant Sacket, who was the representative, the "alter ego," in short, THE Lieutenant of Law-and-Order Captain Stephenson. As Stephenson thought so did Sacket act.

With this sketch of the star at the performance, that was pulled off on last Fri-

day, October 6, by the stage-managing Senatorial Investigating Committee at Milwaukee, we may hasten to the climax of the drama:—

LIEUTENANT SACKET: “I told all of the workers [to whom he disbursed his Law-and-Order Captain’s funds for his Law-and-Order Captain’s campaign] to keep within law.”

SENATOR SUTHERLAND: “What law?”

LIEUTENANT SACKET: “I do not know.”

Like Captain, like Lieutenant. Lieutenant Rodney Sacket is the pink of lieutenants.

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