

PLOT SCENTED IN LUSITANIA PROBE

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Hamburg-American Line Man in Alleged Conspiracy.

New York, June 11.—The federal grand jury, now in session here, it was stated today will make a thorough investigation to determine whether there was a conspiracy to defraud the United States, by persons who obtained the affidavits submitted to the state department, in which it was asserted the steamship Lusitania carried four guns when she left here on her last trip on April 30. The inquiry may last for several weeks.

Rogers, B. Woods, the assistant United States district attorney, who is directing the inquiry, said the grand jury would follow the evidence as far as it might lead. He declined to make any prediction as to who might be become involved.

German Reservist Arrested. The arrest yesterday of Gustave Stahl, a German reservist, who made one of the affidavits given to the German embassy for submission to the state department, is regarded by the federal prosecutors as only an incident of what is likely to be a far-reaching investigation.

Stahl, who is charged with perjury in repeating before the grand jury the substance of the affidavits given to the United States commissioner June 24.

Thus far Paul Koenig, also known as Stelmier, the federal authorizes say, is head of a secret service department of the Hamburg-American steamship line, is the only man they name as being involved in the alleged conspiracy.

Improper Influence Charged. It was stated today that Koenig revealed to customs officials here the fact that Stahl was in Albania, after agents of the department of justice had searched for him for several days. The proceedings against Koenig were initiated to establish the charge that he used improper influence to induce Stahl to make his affidavit.

Josephine Weir, Anton Grievé and a man named Bruckner, who also made affidavits in the Lusitania case, have been questioned by the department of justice and can be summoned before the grand jury if their testimony is desired. Their affidavits, tendered yesterday, state a statement that the Lusitania was armed.

FLOAT OVER FENCES. The citizens of the town are going to and fro in rowboats in many places the boats can float over fences. Rumors that cannot be verified state that several bridges have been washed away.

Mrs. A. M. Harvey of Topeka is at Wakarusa with her son's fishing party. Last night the found themselves entirely surrounded by waters. The party is now marooned in a church.

Wakarusa residents say that unless further rains increase the volume of the water, the river will resume its natural proportions in a few hours, as it began falling rapidly late this afternoon.

JOY RIDERS FOUND. The Man Who Hit Fred Prout Is Arrested.

George Givens was arrested today on complaint sworn to by Fred Prout, charging him with assault in connection with the attack in which Prout said he was knocked senseless by a blow over the head, after an unknown joy rider had smashed his buggy with his automobile. The smashup took place two nights ago and has been the subject of an investigation by county authorities since then. Prout said he was looking for the number on the automobile when an occupant of the car hit him with something hard and "bat him to sleep."

Ed Robinson, owner of the car who was called into the attorney's office after Prout had reported the car number, said Givens was with him when the smash occurred. Robinson offered to settle the damage to the buggy, about \$20. He told Robert Garver, assistant county attorney, that Givens had volunteered his services in using the car out of commission and had struck him without his (Robinson's) approval. Robinson said all Givens used was his fist.

GAS HEARING ENDS. A Decision Is Not Expected Until Late in the Summer.

Testimony and arguments in the application of the Kansas Natural Gas company and distributing agencies for an increase in rates was concluded late today before the public utilities commission. The final hours of the hearing were consumed by attorneys

for the gas companies and attorneys representing cities affected by the commission's order.

Bulky testimony in the case must be transcribed, and it is believed that a decision in the case will not be rendered before some time in July or August.

Arguments were presented today by Judge E. E. Sapp, Galena; Thomas F. Doran, Topeka; J. F. Pingrey, Pittsburg; R. J. Higgins, Kansas City, Kan.; and T. S. Salathiel, Independence, attorney for the Kansas Natural gas receivers. Doran, Sapp and Salathiel presented the arguments for the gas companies, while Pingrey and Higgins presented the case from the standpoint of cities to be affected by a gas rate order.

PLAYGROUNDS IN PARKS Commissioner Porter Is Expending \$3,000 for Equipment.

In line with the policy to make Topeka's parks practical, W. L. Porter, city commissioner of parks, today announced that he had purchased playground equipment amounting to approximately \$3,000, and that it will be installed within the next few weeks.

The money to pay for this equipment has been subscribed by the Topeka Play-grounds association, which is co-operating with the school board and the city commission.

Edgewood park, City park, Chesney park, and the new Eastside park will each be given \$600 worth of equipment. Three hundred dollars will be expended on Westlawn park to make it especially enjoyable for the little tots—children small enough to enjoy playing in sandboxes. Three tennis courts and two ball grounds are to be prepared in Eastside park.

Topeka's parks are going to be even more popular this year than formerly," said W. L. Porter, who is especially pleased with the city's acquisition of Eastside park.

Topeka's parks comfortable. They belong to the people and they should feel just as much at home in the parks as on their own premises. Topeka's parks are not merely to be looked at, "Keep off the grass" signs should be used very sparingly, if at all, in a city park.

Topeka has 27 tracts or parks for her citizens to use for rest, recreation and amusement. These parks with their 380 acres of land are no longer merely Sunday promenade grounds. They are places for baseball, golf, swimming, boating, picnicking and athletic sports.

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BECKER'S LAST APPEAL Attorney for Fallen New Yorker Files Brief for Reargument.

New York, June 11.—The last appeal to the courts or New York for the life of Charles Becker, sentenced to die in Sing Sing prison during the week of July 12 for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, was today when his counsel, Martin T. Manton, forwarded to the court of appeals at Albany a brief on a motion for reargument of the case.

A copy was filed in the district attorney's office here.

TAKE SUSPECTS AT SEA French Snatch Two Men Off Spanish Ship Canalejas.

Cadiz, June 11.—(Via Paris).—The French cruiser Bu-Cayard stopped the Spanish steamer Canalejas from Larache, Morocco, and took into custody two persons who declared themselves Dutch citizens, but who were regarded as suspects.

The Canalejas then was allowed to proceed.

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RUSS HAVE INNING

Germans Repulsed With Heavy Losses on Dniester.

Teutons Lose 6,700 Men and Cannon and Machine Guns.

Petrograd, June 11.—An official announcement today recites a Russian success on the River Dniester. After hard fighting, the Russians yesterday took from the antagonists Thursday repulsed on the right bank machine guns and captured approximately 6,700 officers and men.

The text of the communication follows: "By heroic efforts our troops Thursday repulsed on the right bank of the River Dniester great forces of the enemy who had crossed near Zuravna east of Stry. On the front Francisco fair, See H. P. Richards, 514 New England Bldg. P. 1524.—Adv.

"Among the prisoners is one entire company of the Prussian Fusilier guards."

Following is a list of fairs to be held in Kansas in 1915, their dates (where they have been decided on), locations and secretaries, as reported to the state board of agriculture and compiled by J. C. Mohler:

Kansas State Fair—A. L. Sponsler, secretary, Hutchinson; September 18-25.

Kansas State Fair Association—S. E. Lux, president, Topeka; September 13-17.

Allen County Agricultural Society—Dr. F. S. Beattie, secretary, Iola, August 31-September 3.

Allen County—Moran Agricultural Fair Association—E. N. McCormack, secretary, Moran; September.

Barton County Fair Association—Porter Young, secretary, Great Bend; October 5-7.

Brown County—The Hiawatha Fair Association—J. D. Weltmer, secretary, Hiawatha; August 31-September 3.

Butler County—Douglas Agricultural Society—J. A. Clay, secretary, Douglas; September 15-18.

Clay County Fair Association—W. F. Miller, secretary, Clay Center; dates not set.

Clay County—Wakefield Agricultural Association—Eugene Elkins, secretary, Wakefield; October 8-9.

Cloud County Fair Association—W. I. McCarty, secretary, Concordia; August 31-September 3.

Coffey County Agricultural Fair Association—S. D. Weaver, secretary, Burlington; September 21-25.

Cowley County—Eastern Cowley Fair and Agricultural Society—Howard Collins, secretary, Burden; September.

Cowley County Agricultural and Live Stock Association—Frank W. Sidle, secretary, Winfield; September 7-10.

Decatur County Fair Association—J. R. Borrell, secretary, Oberlin; September 22-24.

Dickinson County Fair Association—C. R. Baer, secretary, Abilene; September 21-24.

Douglas County Fair and Agricultural Society—C. W. Murphy, secretary, Lawrence; September 21-24.

Ellsworth County—Wilson Inter-County Co-operative Fair Association—W. E. Schermerhorn, secretary, Wilson; October 5-8.

Franklin County Agricultural Society—J. R. Finley, secretary, Ottawa; September 7-10.

Franklin County—Lane Agricultural Fair Association—F. B. Martin, secretary, Lane; September 3-4.

Gray County Agricultural Society—C. Whiteside, secretary, Cimarron; first part of September.

Greenwood County Fair Association—C. H. Weiser, secretary, Eureka; August 24-27.

Harper County—The Anthony Fair Association—L. G. Jennings, secretary, Anthony; August 3-5.

Labette County Fair—Clarence Montgomery, secretary, Oswego; September 15-18.

Lincoln County—Sylvan Grove Fair and Agricultural Association—R. W. Wohler, secretary, Sylvan Grove; September 22-24.

Linn County Fair Association—C. A. McMullen, secretary, Mound City; dates not set.

Phillips County—Four-County Fair Association—Abram Trout, secretary, Logan; September 21-24.

McPherson County Agricultural Fair Association—Milton Hawkinson, secretary, McPherson; August 16-19.

Meade County Fair—E. W. Campbell, secretary, Meade; September 20-24.

Mitchell County Fair Association—Fred W. Knapp, secretary, Beloit; dates not set.

Montgomery County Fair Association—C. D. Lockard, secretary, Coffeyville; September 28-October 2.

Morris County Fair Association—H. A. Clyburne, secretary, Council Grove; Nemaha Fair Association—M. R. Connet, secretary, Seneca; September 7-10.

Neosho County—The Four-County District Agricultural Society—George K. Bideau, secretary, Chanute; October 4-9.

Ness County Agricultural Association—J. A. Cason, secretary, Ness City; September 1-3.

Norton County Agricultural Association—Fred L. Strohwig, secretary, Norton; August 23-27.

Ottawa County Fair Association—J. E. Johnston, secretary, Minneapolis; September 7-10.

Pawnee County Agricultural Association—Harry H. Wolcott, secretary, Larned; September 28-October 1.

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Advertisement for The Exposition's First Romance. Features Joseph C. Miller, Duke R. Lee and Miss Claire Freeman. 5 Reels. An Actress Wins a 101 Ranch Cowboy. Today Extra!! Tomorrow 5c.

Advertisement for THE S.W. BRUNDAGE SHOWS. Topeka, June 14 to 19. North Kansas Avenue opposite Garfield Park. Featuring LEON W. MARSHALL'S "HAPPY DAYS IN DIXIELAND" and Ten Other High Class Attractions. Two Bands—\$20,000 "Carry-Us-All".

Advertisement for Last Game of Des Moines Series Saturday. Every inning a game fight between the Boosters and the Savages. Nothing like your presence to help out with the "pep." And Topeka never had a better team. —then St. Joe Comes Sunday. Bleachers 25c Grandstand 50c Boxes 75c. Grab a Car and Go!

Advertisement for IRIS. TODAY AND TONIGHT—Metropolitan Special. THE MIDDLEMAN. Featuring Albert Cavaller, the greatest English Actor that ever appeared on the American Stage. The production runs one week at the New York Hippodrome, and rebooked for two weeks' engagement. 2:15, 3:30, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45. —TOMORROW—NANCY O'NEIL in "PRINCESS ROMANOFF".

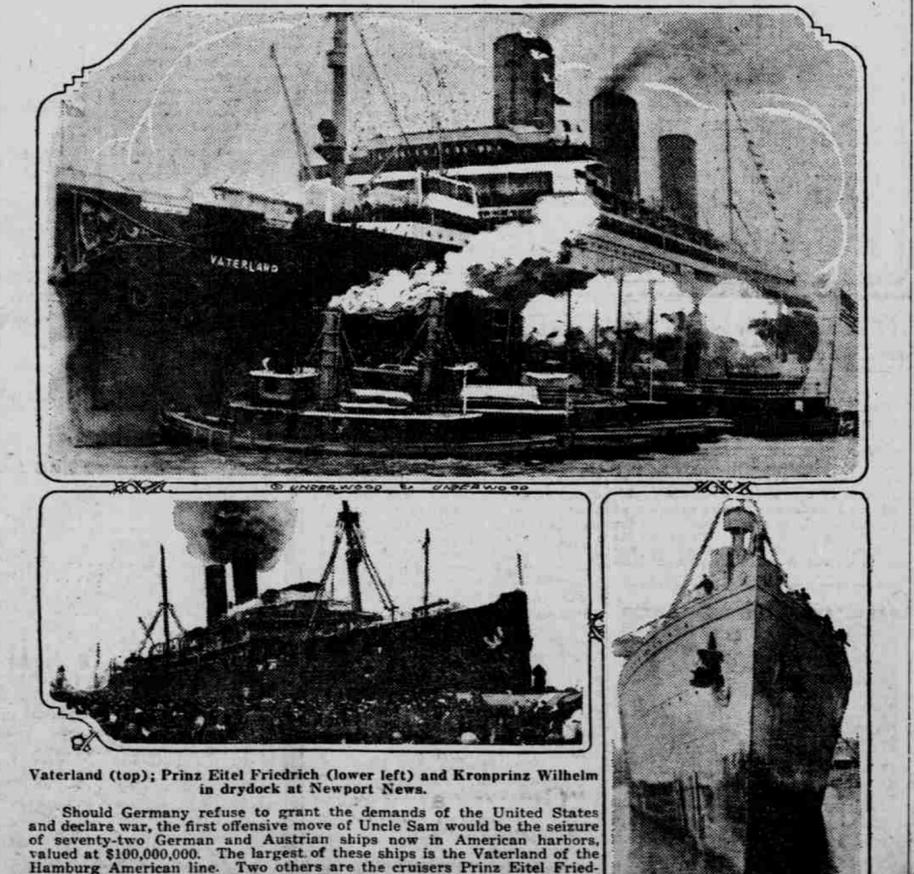
Advertisement for ORPHEUM. (In the near future to be known as the "Electric") Classy Vaudeville and Pictures. TUSCANO BROS. the famous battleaxe jugglers the only act of its kind in vaudeville. FINER & TOLMAN the real tango dancers. SOME SHOW.

Advertisement for NOVELTY. TODAY TOMORROW. ARTHUR CLAMAGE in "THE MUSICAL TABLOID". "THE SUFFRAGETTES". Tango Contest Tonight. Daily Dime Matinee 3 p. m. Nights 7:45 and 9:15. 10-20-30c.

Advertisement for AURORA. PROGRAM CHANGES DAILY TODAY. 2-Reel Biograph Feature "AFTER THE STORM" With All-Star Cast by George Ade Comedy by Essanay Co. Featuring RUTH STONEHOUSE "The Heart of Jim Bree" A Vitagraph Featuring MAURICE COSTELLO.

Advertisement for GARFIELD. Skating Tonight. While many of the scenes give a splendid idea of the magnitude of the fair and show much of the grounds the film is a reproduction of the Miller Brothers' permanent feature at the big coast show. At the Cozy. Today and tomorrow the Cozy theater is featuring a Klaw & Erlanger production of the famous college play "Strongheart." In the cast are Henry Walth and Blanche Sweet, their support being a good number of well known movie stars. The Cozy is also showing "The Conversion of Frosty Blake," with W. S. Hart in the leading role.

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Vaterland (top); Prinz Eitel Friedrich (lower left) and Kronprinz Wilhelm in drydock at Newport News.