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### GOVERNOR READY TO HEAR LAWYERS FOR SCHIFF ON QUESTIONS BEFORE HAND

Dix Will Listen to Nicoll and Parker at Albany Tomorrow. HAND VISITS GOVERNOR. Commissioner Wants Instructions About Accepting Testimony of the Schiffs.

ALBANY, Feb. 22.—Gov. Dix today granted the application of Alton B. Parker and De Lancey Nicoll of New York to present oral arguments before him at the Executive Chamber at noon to-morrow in favor of broadening the powers of Richard L. Hand, who was appointed commissioner to take testimony on the petition for executive clemency by Foulke E. Brandt, former valet to Mortimer L. Schiff of New York. The question in dispute is whether Hand can be granted immunity from future proceedings, such as the Grand Jury investigation that is being made into the Brandt case by District Attorney Whitman of New York. Counsel for Mr. Schiff also desires Commissioner Hand to go into all phases of the controversy, including the allegation that Brandt's conviction was brought about through a conspiracy. These questions were raised at the hearing before Commissioner Hand Tuesday, when Mr. Nicoll insisted upon calling Mr. Schiff and Howard S. Gans, counsel for Mr. Schiff, as witnesses. Attorney-General Carmody and District Attorney Whitman opposed the calling of these witnesses, principally on the ground that such action would interfere with the Grand Jury inquiry. Messrs. Parker and Nicoll characterized the position taken by the Attorney-General and District Attorney as "absurd." Commissioner Hand then adjourned the hearing, saying he would pass upon the propositions until he had an opportunity to consult the Governor. Mr. Hand reached Albany at noon to-day and immediately went into conference at the Executive Chamber. Attorney-General Carmody will be represented at the hearing, and District Attorney Whitman is also expected to appear.

### BRANDT MAY GO FREE ON BAIL OR PAROLE PENDING FINAL TRIAL

Official conferences were the feature here to-day of the Brandt case, which reached a climax in Justice Gerard's 2-3 of habeas corpus decision yesterday, practically freeing the prisoner, as he may now be released on bail, and his lawyers say he can furnish any amount. He may be released on parole in the custody of his counsel. Richard L. Hand, the special commissioner named by Gov. Dix to take

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did not have glory thrust upon him. He won battles, the honor of his countrymen and fame by taking advantage of the opportunities that came within his reach.

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### FIERCEST WIND EVER KNOWN HERE HITS NEW YORK

Hurricane Going at 96 Miles an Hour Causes Wide-spread Damage. GREAT SIGNS WRECKED. One Weighing Six Tons Is Topped Into Broadway—Several Persons Hurt.

The wildest windstorm of which New York has any record swept the city to-day in the early morning hours. At its highest, a little after 1 o'clock A. M. it reached a velocity of ninety-six miles an hour. The fiercest wind ever recorded here before was a ninety-three-mile-an-hour blow.

There were furries of snow, sleet and rain with the wind at first, but later the sun shone brightly. The temperature at the outset stood at 50 degrees. At about daybreak it dropped to 21 degrees and the wind slowed down to fifty miles an hour. It was a storm which spread destruction all along the Atlantic coast and far inland. From Norfolk came the report of five steamers blown ashore, one of them the Madison of the Old Dominion Line. Sound shipping had to anchor. Up-State a heavy fall of snow aided the wind in breaking telegraph wires and slowing up railroad traffic so that trains from the North and West arrived eight and twelve hours late. Reports of scores of persons injured by falling signs and glass came to Police Headquarters from all parts of the city. Houses were unroofed, people were blown flat on their faces. Broadway looked as though a riotous mob had rushed through it smashing store windows. Broadway saw sights to-day as it has never seen before. At the big open places—especially at Times Square, Grand Square and the Flatiron Building—the screams of women could be heard every moment or two as they struggled to keep their skirts in order against the rude blast or were literally swept away. One woman crossing Broadway in front of the Hotel Astor about noon began screaming "Save me! Save me!" Two men went to her rescue. They stopped her drift with the wind, but both their hats went soaring as high as the roof of the hotel. One of them, trying to overtake his hat, ran head-on into a street car and was knocked down but not hurt. The fifty-foot vertical electrical sign of the Hotel Normandie was broken in three places by the wind. The Fire Department ordered it taken down and the police roped off the sidewalk under it. A ponderous electric sign, 100x20 feet, on the roof of the Kohn Building, just south of the Hotel Knickerbocker, was blown into Broadway at the Times Square subway entrance at 8 o'clock this morning, and scraped the paint from a passing taxicab. As by a miracle, not a person was struck. The sign weighed about three tons, and police had to block off a part of the sidewalk and force pedestrians out into the street.

### COFFIN'S FLYING SHIP ALMOST DASHED TO PIECES.

The storm almost wrecked Frank Coffin's hydro-aeroplane, on a raft moored in the basin beside Pier A, at the Battery. The raft was buffeted by pieces of the sidewalk and force pedestrians out into the street. Police and members of the crew of the fire boat New Yorker went to the rescue and lashed the flying machine fast. Mr. Coffin hurried down from his home at No. 43 East Fifty-ninth street. After an examination he reported the hydroplane badly damaged, but said he thought he could have it in order again in three or four days.

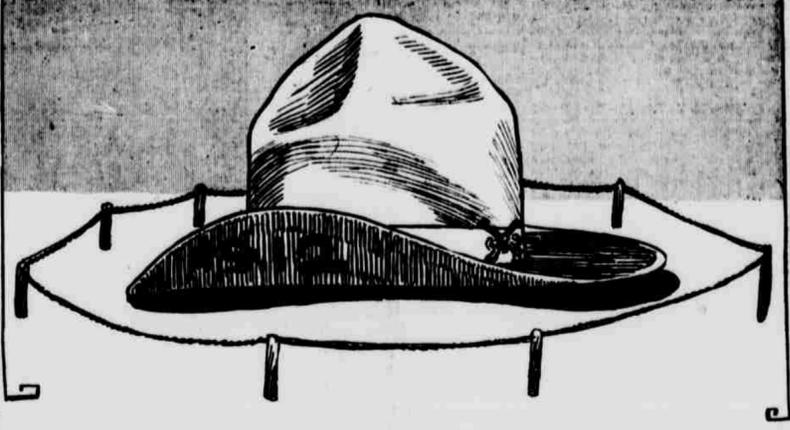
### HEART DISAPPEARED.

In due season Miss Erva and Miss Gwendolen were installed in their stateroom and the vessel sailed away. Kröber stood long and motionless at the pier end, until Miss Erva was just a speck at the rail, and then he came away. His escort fell in and he started for home. Just before taking the tube, he said to an Evening World reporter: "Mr. Laub is believing in the most ridiculous way about this thing. I don't intend to sleep with Miss Erva and I do not understand why he has made this sudden and unwarranted objection to my attention to his daughter. The two sisters are going abroad for a few months. They will visit my parents near Berlin, and when they return I shall marry Miss Erva. And that's all there is about it."

### STAIN ON PIER TILL SWEET HEART DISAPPEARED.

A piece of metal cornice blown from the roof of the Hotel Knickerbocker, at the Battery, was found on the pier. It was a small, ornate, and highly decorative piece of metal. It was found on the pier at the Battery, and was identified as a piece of metal cornice from the roof of the Hotel Knickerbocker. It was a small, ornate, and highly decorative piece of metal. It was found on the pier at the Battery, and was identified as a piece of metal cornice from the roof of the Hotel Knickerbocker.

### THE CANDIDATE



### ROOSEVELT TIES A STRING TO THE HAT HE SHIED IN RING

Colonel Gets Back Surprised to Find What He Said to Ohioans.

Col. Roosevelt, upon his arrival to-day from his flying visit to Ohio positively refused to discuss the present whereabouts of his hat. In Cleveland, last night, he announced to William P. Ertick, a Buckeye politician, "My hat is in the ring," but he was quite positive when the New York reporters sought to learn more about the hat. "I shall not say a word on that point," snapped the Colonel. A persistent reporter tried to read to him the telegraphed story from Cleveland recounting his statement to Mr. Ertick. Col. Roosevelt refused to listen to it. Finally he gave such evidence of displeasure that the reporters ceased their hat conversation and picked up more congenial topics. From persons on the train it was learned that the Col. was quite surprised—or seemed to be quite surprised—when he got the New York papers in Albany this morning and found that he had been quoted as saying his hat was in the ring. The custom of shying the hat goes back to the days when men fought with bare knuckles and were allowed to kick each other in the shins in ring contests. There is no action of the Colonel in shying about his hat is taken to mean that there is to be some brutality in the contest for the Republican nomination between Roosevelt and Taft.

### CLEARED FOR WHOLESALE ANANIAS INITIATION.

It is not believed the Colonel can consistently deny that he said his hat was in the ring. The statement was made in the presence of several reliable persons in the New York Central railroad station at Cleveland. It may be said for the Colonel that the statement was in the way of a confidential communication. Possibly the Colonel did not mean that it should be made public—possibly.

### MARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Senator Wainwright has introduced a bill which makes illegal in this State any contract of marriage to which one of the parties is a divorced person who has been forbidden to marry by the laws of the place where the divorce was granted. The effect of this would tend to nullify the remarriage of the guilty party in a divorce action who goes outside of the State and marries.

### ATTELL AND KILBANE READY FOR THE GONG.

Champion Favorite in Betting for This Afternoon's 20 Round Bout at Los Angeles. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 22.—Abe Attell, featherweight champion, and Jimmy Kilbane of Cleveland, challenger, were in readiness early to-day for their twenty round fight at Verdon this afternoon. Both boxers are in the best possible condition, and a record attendance is anticipated. As it is the policy of many night followers to "bet on the champion until he is whipped" Attell was the favorite. He is offered favor from 3 to 1 to 10 to 1 in Attell's favor.

### DYNAMITE BOMB WARFARE BY PARIS TAXI STRIKERS.

Missiles Hurling Into Garages and Many Autos Destroyed—Police Official Injured.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—A number of dynamite bombs were exploded by striking taxicab chauffeurs to-day in the garages of the taxi motorcar companies, which have not accepted the terms of the strikers. Many cars were burned and otherwise damaged. One of the bombs was picked up by the police and was being carried to the municipal laboratory when it exploded severely injuring two officials. Neither the companies nor the strikers show signs of giving way. The conflict has lasted since Nov. 28, and 6,000 of the taxi motorcars in Paris have been idle since that date. Some of the chauffeurs own their own cabs and these continue to ply for hire, the drivers contributing \$1 a day to the Chauffeurs' Union, for which they receive a Union card authorizing them to work.

### AMERICAN IS ARRESTED AS SPY IN GERMANY.

Released After a Hard Grilling by Military Authorities—Wanted to See Famous Gold Chest.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—The espionage craze which is so prevalent throughout Germany resulted to-day in the arrest of an American tourist together with his German companion by one of the sentries on guard at the fortress of Spandau a few miles from Berlin. The arrested men protested against the entry's action, declaring that they were merely interested in the famous Julius Tower where the imperial war chest containing \$5,000,000 in gold coin is kept so that it may be ready for immediate use in case of a sudden mobilization of the German army. The men were kept in the guardroom for several hours, during which they were put through a severe cross-examination by the officers on duty. They were then released and returned to Berlin.

### MOTHERS BATTLE OVER RIVAL BABES

Johnny Was Fat and Jimmy Was Lean, but Jimmy's Ma Proved Self a Heavyweight.

Mrs. Tessie Murphy, Mrs. Margaret Suttler and Mrs. Beatie Fields met yesterday in the drug store at East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Park avenue. They met again to-day in the Morrisania Police Court before Magistrate Butts. And thereby hangs a brief narrative. Mrs. Suttler and Mrs. Fields met yesterday in the drug store at East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Park avenue. They met again to-day in the Morrisania Police Court before Magistrate Butts. And thereby hangs a brief narrative. Mrs. Suttler and Mrs. Fields met yesterday in the drug store at East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Park avenue. They met again to-day in the Morrisania Police Court before Magistrate Butts. And thereby hangs a brief narrative.

### FIVE STEAMERS BLOWN ASHORE NEAR NORFOLK

One, the Madison, of Old Dominion Line, From This City, Reported Partly Sunken.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 22.—Five steamers have been swept ashore in the outer harbor of Norfolk, and one of them, the Madison, of the Old Dominion Line, is reported to be partly sunken. The vessels driven ashore during the night were the Old Dominion liner Madison, which plies between this port and New York; the Norwegian steamer Hermes, from Baltimore; the British steamer Strathairn, loading for San Francisco; the Danish steamer Nord-jern, from Boston; and the British steamer Elwick Manor, from Philadelphia. The Madison is partially sunken off Bush Bluff buoy. The Hermes was driven high aground and lies within one hundred yards of shore. The Government quarantine ship Jamestown was swept from her anchorage off Old Point Comfort, early this morning, but the vessel has been safely

### POISON IN NURSERY KILLS SEVEN BABIES; FIVE OTHERS DYING

Oxalic Acid Supposed to Have Been Given to a Dozen Children in the Institution on Herkimer Street, Brooklyn.

### NURSE BEING WATCHED, MIND THOUGHT AFFECTED.

Victims, All Under One Year Old, Had Been Under Care of This Woman.

Coroner Glinnen of Brooklyn, with the assistance of the Police Department and the District Attorney has begun an investigation into the death from poison of seven little children in the Brooklyn-Nursery for Infants at No. 404 Herkimer street. Five other babies are desperately ill in the institution, all suffering apparently from the same poison that killed the seven under investigation.

From the preliminary information in the hands of the Coroner and his physician, Dr. Wuest, it is suspected the poison was oxalic acid and that it was administered to a dozen children by a nurse. The nurse is under surveillance. Her mental condition is said to have been the subject of some worry to the nursery authorities for some time past.

The attention of the Coroner was called to the case by the fact that two returns reached his office of deaths in the Herkimer street institution, one telling of the death of four infants, the other of the deaths of three. The last three were Richard Gomersall, six months old, of Kings Park, L. I.; Isidor Wasscattell, ten months old, of No. 479 Grand avenue, and Adele Lippo, three months old, of No. 111 Belmont avenue.

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALSO INVESTIGATES.

That poison had caused the deaths of these three at least was apparent. Coroner Glinnen called in Detectives Murray, Raddy and McCurdy and sent them to the nursery to aid him in questioning nurses and attendants. A representative of the District Attorney's office was also summoned. The institution was found in a state of panic. Of course the little inmates, nearly all under one year old, were unconscious of the terrible tragedy that had occurred, but the heads of the nursery and nearly all the nurses were almost distracted.

With one accord suspicion was directed toward a certain nurse who had been entrusted with the partial care of the seven children who are dead and the five who are ill.

### SUICIDE FOR LOST JOY.

Holiday Reminiscences Cause William Holmes to Hang Himself. It was William Holmes's custom to take his wife for an outing on holidays, because those were the only days he could spend with her. She was an invalid, and three weeks ago she died. To-day his despondency over her death brightened by the fact that it is a holiday and was bitterly reminiscent to him, Holmes hanged himself with a clothesline to the end in his home, No. 79 Charles street. His son Louis found him when he came to breakfast. Holmes was fifty-eight years old and was employed in a department store.

### NEGRO FIGHTER K. O. FATAL.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 22.—Charles Killa, the negro welterweight pugilist, who fell unconscious at the start of the sixth round of his bout with Joe Motte here Tuesday night, died to-day. Examination showed that he was suffering from cerebral hemorrhage.