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Weather—Rain probable to-night and Sunday; warmer.

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WILLARD SAYS: 'I'LL WIN IN WALK; MORAN ALSO IS SURE OF VICTORY

OPERA SINGER DECLARES DR. WAITE WAS CURIOUS TO KNOW HER WEALTH

Inventor's Wife Tells District Attorney That Dentist Urged Her to "Take Something"—Evidence That Young Man Planned to Poison Her.

Mrs. Margaret Horton, who, as "Mrs. A. W. Walters," occupied a room at the Plaza with Dr. Arthur W. Waite, accused of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, the millionaire Grand Rapids druggist, visited the District Attorney's office this afternoon with her husband and made a long statement to Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling. After she had gone Mr. Dooling said:

"If the statements of Mrs. Horton can be corroborated it would appear that Waite had designs on her life and that of her husband. Waite, it seems, thought she was a wealthy woman. He represented himself to her as a wealthy man engaged in speculation in Wall Street and making money hand over fist.

"Not long after they became acquainted, she says, he began to question her about how much money she had and how much money her husband had.

"Mrs. Horton has reason to believe, according to her statements, that Waite had planned to persuade her to try some kind of medicine. He often asked her if she did not think she ought to trust her money and her husband's money to him for investment.

EVIDENCE THAT HE TRIED TO POISON FOUR.

"Mrs. Horton has voluntarily given the District Attorney information of great importance. She told of accompanying Waite to certain places where he made certain purchases, the nature of which cannot be made public. We have evidence corroborating some of the statements made to us by Mrs. Horton and we have also evidence tending to show that Waite planned to poison at least four people within a short time."

Detectives are engaged to-day in tracing the addresses of women whose names were found in a diary discovered last night in Dr. Waite's apartment in a pocket of one of his one hundred suits of clothes.

Two young women in particular are sought for reasons which appear in the diary, and the detectives believe they can give evidence of value against Waite.

The District Attorney expects that the Grand Jury will find an indictment charging Waite with murder in the first degree next Monday or Tuesday and he will be placed on trial as soon as the court calendars permit.

Assistant District Attorney Mancuso, who is in Grand Rapids, was instructed to-day to bring Percy Peck, the only son of John E. Peck to New York so that he may appear before a Grand Jury on Monday.

If Waite cunningly designed yesterday to help himself by making a statement to the District Attorney with the idea that he was hereby gaining immunity, he made a mistake. The law does not permit a prosecutor to obtain a statement from an accused person by threats or promises, but permits a prosecutor to take and record any statement voluntarily made by an accused or suspected person.

Waite's confession that he bought the arsenic which killed John E. Peck was made voluntarily.

Warren W. Waite of Grand Rapids and his wife, the parents of Dr. Waite, arrived in New York last night and

50 LOST ON LINER SUSSEX, HIT BY MINE OR TORPEDO; 27 AMERICANS ON BOARD

Disabled on the Way to France—Torpedoed, Declare Three Americans.

MANY BLOWN INTO SEA.

Wild Panic Among the 270 Women and Children—14 Americans on Ship.

By John H. Hearley
(United Press Staff Correspondent on Board Steamer Sussex.)

BOULOGNE (via Paris), March 25.—Two of the twenty-seven Americans known to have been aboard the Channel liner Sussex, believed to have been torpedoed in crossing the Channel yesterday afternoon, are missing and believed to be lost. They are J. N. Baldwin and his daughter Elizabeth of Philadelphia.

[The Associated Press reported this afternoon that Prof. James Mark Baldwin of Baltimore, his wife and daughter were on the Sussex. Miss Baldwin suffered a broken leg. She and her parents, the Associated Press says, landed in England. The Associated Press says all Americans were saved.]

Three American passengers agree that they saw a torpedo.

It is estimated that fifty of the 280 passengers lost their lives, though it is possible some were picked up and taken into other ports.

The Sussex left Folkestone shortly after noon yesterday under excellent weather conditions and was nearing the French port of Dieppe when she was struck. I was conversing with other Americans among my fellow passengers when an explosion suddenly shook the whole ship.

One of the Sussex's lifeboats was blown off by the force of the explosion and splinters sent hurtling high into the air. At the same time a fountain of water dashed over the side of the ship.

It was about 4.30 when the Sussex was struck. Many passengers were standing near the rail, watching the outline of the French coast, when the explosion rocked the Sussex. Several were hurled into the water and it was among these that the casualties occurred.

Boats were put over the side at once, but I was told that several persons who were near the rail previous to the explosion were not picked up.

The Sussex listed badly immediately after the explosion, and it was feared for a few minutes that she was about to sink. As the steamer settled panic broke out aboard, particularly among the 270 women and children. Officers ran about calming the passengers, and in a few minutes the vessel appeared to right herself.

The survivors remained aboard the Sussex until 11 o'clock last night, when most of them were taken off by the Marib Thoresen. We were landed here early today.

The explosion occurred forward of the ship, wounding many persons. The wireless house was shattered and for this reason it was impossible to obtain help by wireless. The Sussex drifted in the Channel for hours, simulating in you for hours. Passengers who were wounded by flying splinters

27 AMERICANS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ON BOARD THE SUSSEX

LONDON, March 25 (Associated Press).—Edward Huxley, President of the United States Rubber Export Company, and Francis E. Drake, European manager of the company, rescued from the Sussex, report that there was a heavy loss of life. It was first reported that all the 280 passengers had been rescued.

Among the Americans on board were:

Prof. James Mark Baldwin, his wife and daughter Elizabeth of Baltimore and Paris;
Joshua Armitage;
Gertrude Barnes, New York;
Edna Hall, New York;
Mrs. Clarence Handyside, New York;
Mrs. Gertrude Warren, St. Louis;
Mr. and Mrs. Bier, New York;
Mrs. Edward Hilton and daughter, New York;
Samuel Bemis, Medford, Mass.
P. W. Culbertson, Pittsburgh;
Daniel Sargent, Boston;
Crocker Cousins, Fitchburg, Mass.
W. G. Penfield of Wisconsin, a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University.
John H. Hearley of Albany.
Edward Marshall of New York.
George Henry Parker Jr.
Alice W. Ruiz.
Mrs. Thelma Sennell.
Daniel Sargent.
Tinglewoods Tulderson.
Francis E. Drake.
Ida Deer.

Edward Huxley, who witnessed the catastrophe from beginning to end, states that several passengers and a number of members of the crew undoubtedly were blown to atoms by the explosion.

The Sussex carried twelve lifeboats and several rafts. The lifeboats were lowered quickly after the explosion. The second boat which was lowered, containing forty persons, was overturned. Passengers state that thirty of those in this boat were drowned.

A number of the passengers jumped overboard. Gratings and pieces of furniture were thrown to them from the decks. More than half of those who leaped into the water are believed to have lost their lives.

The only physician on the Sussex was an American woman, whose name has not been learned. Survivors say that she did splendid work in caring for the wounded and for those rescued from the water.

A Lloyd's report says the British steamship Salybia has been sunk and that the passengers and crew were saved.

FOUR AMERICANS MISSING FROM SHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Consular reports to the State Department to-day say the Dominion Line steamer Englishman sunk near the British Isles, was torpedoed and that four Americans are missing. The Englishman was a horse ship.

The missing Americans are Peter McDonald of No. 58 Cherry Street, Boston; George McDonald of No. 17 Common Street, Lawrence, Mass.; P. Buckley and M. A. Burke, addresses unknown.

The fact that the missing Americans were working on a horse ship and not passengers on a liner does not lessen the interest of the American Government in the case. The circumstances are accentuated by the fact that the ship was bound away from Europe and carried no contraband.

\$500,000 BRIBE ASKED FOR DUAL SUBWAY CONTRACT, DECLARES COL. WILLIAMS

B. R. T. Head on Stand Says Man Who Made Offer and City Official It Was for Are Both Dead.

Col. Timothy S. Williams, president of the B. R. T., testified before the Thompson Investigating Committee to-day that at the time the present dual subway contracts were pending a man came to him and said that for \$500,000 he could get the support of a prominent city official to throw the contract to his company. Col. Williams refused to mention the name of the official or the man who brought him the offer, saying they are both dead.

Col. Williams denied that Charles Hyde, former City Chamberlain, was the man who made the offer. Mr. Hyde was present while Col. Williams was on the stand. He was permitted to make a statement, in which he declared that he had no recollection of discussing the subway offers or business with any one.

The way was paved for this astounding testimony by the examination of Scott Macleynolds, a lawyer, and Public Service Commissioner Travis H. Whitney, who told of having heard the story as a rumor at the time the contracts were pending. Col. Williams had listened to their testimony from a seat at the table of the committee. He stared hard, then smiled when both witnesses declared they heard that Col. Williams had turned down the proposition hard. Then Col. Williams was called to the stand.

"I don't remember talking about this thing with Travis H. Whitney," said Col. Williams, "though we may have spoken of it."

"Was the name of Charles Hyde, the former City Chamberlain, mentioned?" asked Counsel Moss.

"No," replied Col. Williams. "If any such conversation as that with Mr. Whitney occurred I couldn't have mentioned the name of former City Chamberlain Charles Hyde. His name never came into my mind. He had no connection with it."

"What was the fact?" asked Mr. Moss, "about the request for money from you?"

"I don't think I can mention the name. The public official he spoke about is dead. The information came to me only as a message. Whether the man had a right to impart that message, or whether he had any basis of fact for it, I do not know."

"Who was the man?"

"I decline to state. He did not deliver a message from any one. That may have been too broad a phrase for me to use. The man told me what he thought could be accomplished."

"Did he mention money?"

"Yes," he spoke of it in connection with securing a public official's support in a transit proposition. The substance of his talk was that by paying a certain sum of money."

"How much money?"

"He said \$500,000," Col. Williams.

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CROWD GATHERS AT GARDEN HOURS BEFORE THE TIME SET FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT

Two Hundred and Fifty Police Take Charge of the Arrangements—Nobody Allowed to Loiter Around the Building.

Crowds began to gather in the vicinity of Madison Square Garden as early as noon to-day, nine and a half hours before the fight for the championship to-night between Willard and Moran. There was nothing to be seen from the outside of the Garden, but the crowd remained and was augmented every hour during the afternoon.

A special detail of twelve policemen from the East Twenty-second Street station was on hand to keep these curious ones on the move, so around and around the Garden went the crowd, the police defeating any attempt at loitering.

At 4 o'clock a detail of 250 policemen came on the job and took charge, under orders to handle the situation, the crowd and everything else until the termination of the bout.

Aside from reducing the fire hazard in the Garden to-night, the gallery gods owe Fire Commissioner Adamson a vote of thanks for prohibiting smoking in the Garden. This will do away with the dense curtain of smoke which usually hangs over the ring and betogs the view of those with aerial seats.

Speculators are asking ridiculously high prices for seats. "Diamond Jim" Brady, who already has two boxes, tried to get an extra box seat this afternoon and was staggered by the demand of \$175 for it.

"Everything's fine. There's nothing to it. I'm going to win hands down."

This was the last word from Jess Willard this afternoon.

Frank Moran was put to bed by his trainer, Willie Lewis, at 2.15 this afternoon up at Dal Hawkins's training camp in Westchester. He is to get up at 6 o'clock, eat dinner and start for the Garden in a closed automobile in time to arrive there at 8 o'clock. Moran was up with the chickens—or, to be exact, at 6 o'clock this morning. He said he went to bed at 10 o'clock last night and slept like a log.

"I never had a more peaceful rest in my life," were his exact words to The Evening World reporter who greeted him.

Most famous fighters are unable to sleep on the eve of an important battle. It will be remembered that Jeffries sat up till 4 o'clock in the morning before his battle with Johnson at Reno.

Moran looked fit as a fiddle, and was as cheerful as a schoolboy off on a picnic as he started on a three mile stroll through Westchester village. When he returned to the Hawkins training camp he was given a stiff rubdown and then dressed for breakfast. Moran is not a heavy eater for the big, husky chap he is, and his morning meal was simple, consisting of grape fruit, boiled eggs and milk.

Frank received three telegrams to-day which pleased him mightily. One was from his brother John from Flint, Mich., and the other two came from his two cousins, Pat and Jack Lavelle of Wilmington, Del.

Moran received at noon a delegation of twenty-five citizens of Pittsburgh, headed by Police Judge Edward McKenna, Assemblyman Joseph MacKorel, P. J. Sullivan, James McDade and James McNary. Judge McKenna presented the fighter with a big gold horse-shoe, much too large for Moran to wear inside his glove to-night. It was tied with green ribbon.

Moran told his fellow townsmen that he thought he would bring home the bacon and was sure they would feel they got their money's worth for making the trip to New York.

LET THE LAW TAKE ITS COURSE, SAYS DR. WAITE'S WIFE

Daughter of Murdered Millionaire Says Faith Is Shaken.

(Special to The Evening World.)

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 25.—Mrs. Arthur Warren Waite gave out the following statement through her brother Percy late to-day:

"I feel it my duty to the public to make the following statement. No previous statement said to have been made by me is authentic. I have given nothing whatever to the press.

"When I was informed of the serious charge against my husband, I was so shocked and amazed I could not believe them true. It seemed to me impossible that a man who had been so uniformly gentle and kind to me, and apparently so loyal, could be guilty of the crime with which he is charged.

"My faith in him was shaken when it was practically proved to me that Dr. Waite was living with another woman in the Plaza Hotel. As the evidence against him increased from day to day, I was compelled against my will and deep affection for him to accept the evidence as true.

"Of course I cannot and will not say he's guilty, but it certainly looks as if that is the fact. I cannot lay bare my feelings to the world. No one knows except those who have suffered as I have what it means to have one's faith in a husband shattered and to be compelled to believe that, in addition to disloyalty to me, is a great crime against my father and mother who have been committed.

"As far as I am concerned, I must and will permit the law to take its course. I will stand aside and leave the whole matter to those who have the case in charge. I cannot but pity a man who has apparently wasted his life and sacrificed everything that one should hold dear on the altar of selfishness.

"CLARA PECK WAITE"

VILLA IS LOCATED; U. S. CAVALRY IS NOW AT HIS HEELS

Fleeing Bandit and His Force Headed for the Santa Clara Canyon.

EL PASO, Tex., March 25.—Gen. Gavra at Juarez stated to the United Press shortly before noon to-day that American cavalry under Col. George Dodd had located Villa and his main force headed for the Santa Clara Canyon.

The United States troops were close upon Villa's rear guard, according to Gavra.

Gen. Gavra's statement renewed hopes here that the pursuers would close in on the outlaw. Villa has 200 followers with him, Gen. Gavra said.

The bandits were located about thirty miles from the western entrance of the canyon which is a short distance east of Namiquipa and in a wild district, without roads or trails.

The only avenue of escape the outlaw has, according to Gen. Gavra, is flight through the eastern entrance of the canyon. But Carranza forces at La Guna, north of Chihuahua City and nearer the eastern mouth of the canyon might cut off that opening.

Carranzistas and American forces are keeping in the pursuit. Gen. Gavra declared that Villa's present plight was entirely due to this cooperation. He asserted that reports of friction between the expedition and the de facto Government's soldiers originated on the American side of the border.

Gen. Gavra gave the location of all American and Carranza forces. Besides Dodd's column there were three other American divisions north of Cruces near the Cumbre tunnel and southeast of Casas Grandes. Gen. Pershing is in personal command of the troops near Casas Grandes.

CARRANZA AGREES TO SUGGESTIONS IN WASHINGTON NOTE

QUERETARO, March 25.—Gen. Carranza's reply to the latest note of the Washington Government was handed to-day by James L. Rodgers, the American special representative here, for transmission to Washington. The reply agrees in the main to the American proposals, but a few unimportant changes are suggested.

Story of New Massacre Unfolded

COLD SPRING, N. Y., March 25.—Investigative bodies of reports that Mexican bandits had raided the border city of Cold Spring and killed three Americans (declared that they are unimportant. Everything was quiet at Cold Spring's station.

WILLARD TO GET \$55,100 AND MORAN \$26,750.

Jess Willard is to get \$55,100 for his end of tonight's ten-round bout with Frank Moran, instead of \$47,500, as was generally supposed up to today.

The additional \$7,600 comes from his 51 per cent interest in the moving pictures, which was sold for \$10,000. Moran's share, \$23,750, has been increased to \$26,750, due to his 29 per cent share of the pictures.

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FATHER JOHN'S MEDICAL BUREAU