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GREEK LOYALIST TROOPS DEMAND WAR WILSON TO PROSECUTE FOOD PLOTTERS

U. S. GRAND JURY TO BEGIN INVESTIGATION HERE AT ONCE INTO HIGH COST OF LIVING

President's Activities Lead to Orders for Wide Inquiry to Start Immediately.

ACTION IN MANY CITIES.

F. W. Swacker of New Haven Case Likely to Prosecute in New York.

By Samuel M. Williams. (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—As a result of President Wilson's activities against the high cost of living, Federal Grand Jury investigations into the matter were ordered to-day by Attorney General Gregory to begin at once in New York and in Detroit next week.

Similar investigations in Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis and other points are under consideration.

Frank M. Swacker, an Assistant Attorney General for the Government in the New Haven case, will be asked to take charge of the New York investigation.

United States Attorney George W. Anderson, in general charge of the inquiry, makes a personal report to the President to-day, showing what has been accomplished up to date.

Announcement is made by the Department of Justice that economic conditions are not alone responsible for high commodity costs, but that criminal attempts to create artificial shortages and unduly enhance prices have been discovered.

REPORTS WIDESPREAD COMBINATIONS OF BROKERS.

Reports to the department from its field force of investigators indicate, officials said, the widespread existence of combinations of brokers and dealers in foodstuffs and coal to force prices upward. Most of these alleged

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WHIFF! GOES CLARIDGE'S WHOLE KITCHEN ARMY

Routed as Ammonia Pipe Bursts—Hundreds at Luncheon in Ignorance.

Part of the kitchen of the Hotel Claridge, Forty-fourth Street and Broadway, in three floors below the street level, adjoining the refrigerating plant. An ammonia pipe leading from the boiler room to the refrigerator broke at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon and the deadly fumes were soon spreading through the kitchen.

The chef in charge, as soon as he got a whiff of the ammonia, ordered all hands to the open air and soon Forty-fourth Street and Broadway was the rendezvous of a score of shivering chefs, cooks, assistant cooks and plate handlers.

A hook and ladder was hurried over and stretched in a hose. Two firemen at a time, protected by gas helmets, played a stream on the leak, for water absorbs ammonia. The men worked in three-minute relays, with an electric fan driving back the fumes, and an hour passed before it was safe for Engineer Joseph Hecley, wearing a helmet, to go in and turn off the gas.

Hundreds of men and women, at luncheon in the Claridge, knew nothing of the fight being waged against the deadly fumes three stories below them.

RICHARD MANSFIELD'S SON FAILS IN RUSH TO FAME

Ran Away From College Fifth Time to Become Actor On Macdougall Street.

Richard Mansfield, son of the late actor, after running away from his studies in the Tutorial College, South Beach, Conn., for the fifth time, and taking a whack at the drama, is back home with his mother at their big house in New London.

The Provincetown Players, engaged in uplifting historic art at No. 139 Macdougall Street, are mourning the loss of young Mansfield's services and the publicity that would have come to them when it became known that the son of the distinguished actor had cast his lot with them.

Young Mansfield's career on the boards was so brief as to be almost abrupt, thanks to the detective ability of his mother, who is determined he shall complete his education. He began his rush toward fame Wednesday afternoon, when he left school. He came to this city and presented himself at the Macdougall Street studio. When he proclaimed his identity the players were given the surprise of their lives.

It was agreed that he should join the company under an assumed name. When his mother appeared on the scene, the eighteen-year-old actor protested in vain against going back to New London.

EIGHTH WIFE SEEKING TO DIVORCE "KID" M'COY

Action Based on Sensational Raid Made on Pugilist's Apartments in Hotel.

Mrs. Edna Valentine Selby, eighth wife of "Kid" McCoy and wealthiest of them all, to-day brought suit for absolute divorce in the Supreme Court, basing it upon a sensational raid upon the pugilist's apartments in the Hotel Seville two days ago.

The name of the co-respondent is not disclosed. The complaint calls her an unknown woman.

From Emil E. Fuchs, counsel for Mrs. Selby, it was learned, however, that her rival is an attractive young blonde of twenty-three, known so well on Broadway that the detectives who followed her saw scores greet her as she passed up the Great White Way.

McCoy went to the border with the American troops in June. He served as an orderly on Major Gen. O'Ryan's staff. In September he returned to the city, and immediately his wife got in touch with private detectives, who trailed him with the results disclosed in the suit to-day.

Edna Sells Butter at 37 Cents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—All sales of butter were made at 37 cents to-day, a drop of three cents from last week. An agent of the Federal District Attorney's office in Chicago attended the meeting of the board to-day.

Lansing Has Not Heard of Page's Intention to Resign.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Humors that Walter Hines Page, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, is about to resign that post were revived here to-day. Secretary of State Lansing said: "I never heard of it. I have never had any indication of it."

DON'T HESITATE. Get Father John's Medicine for your cold.—Adm.

'O. OSBORNE' TOOK \$2,100 FROM WIFE, SAYS IRATE GROCER

Attacks Champion Wooer in Corridor of the Federal Building.

HIS BLOW FAILS TO LAND

Identification Not on the Government's Programme Causes Confusion.

There was an identification of "Oliver Osborne" in the corridor outside Assistant United States District Attorney Roger Wood's office in the Federal Building to-day which was not on the Government's programme, and which threw the office into confusion for a quarter of an hour.

Wax, or "Oliver" was being taken from the Tombs to Mr. Wood's office by Deputy United States Marshal Hearn, to whom he was handcuffed, and Deputy Marshal Kelly.

From the shadow of a doorway bounced an undersized man who had been lurking about the corridor since the offices opened this morning.

"That's the man," he yelled in a shrill voice, as soon as he set eyes on "Oliver's" face. "That's the low down son of a gun. Let me at him."

Before the Deputy Marshals could interfere the little man had jumped a foot from the floor, aiming his fist at Wax's jaw. "Oliver" dodged and side-stepped, hampered by his handcuffed wrist. The blow glanced off his neck.

Deputy Marshal Kelly swept the little man to one side and slammed him against the wall and held him there, while "Oliver," his bland smile gone and suddenly pale, was led into Mr. Wood's office.

His assailant, convinced he could not get his hands on "Oliver" stamped about the corridor in a rage. Assistant United States District Attorney Hershenshtein recognized him as a man who had come to his office yesterday. He gave the name of Adolph Menke and said he was a grocer in the Bronx. He told Mr. Hershenshtein he recognized in "Oliver" the man who, under the name of "George Newell of California" had robbed him and his wife of their savings.

"With my wife," said Menke, "I spent a vacation at Lackawaxen, Pa., in the summer of 1914. We met this man down there and he made himself very agreeable to my wife.

"First I knew he persuaded her to go to New York with him. They came up here and she went to the Williamsburg Savings Bank and drew out \$2,100. He got it. My wife has been nearly crazy for more than two years because of losing that money."

In telling his story to Mr. Hershenshtein yesterday, Menke charged that "Oliver" has been charged with violent acts in the park, knocking her senseless while there to get the money away from her. This is the first time Oliver has been charged with violence toward the fair sex.

"Oliver" this afternoon sent for former United States District Attorney Wemple, who once investigated the charge that Wax, as "C. B. Raymond" was impersonating a United States District Attorney and declared it groundless. He asked Mr. Wemple to act as his attorney in making contracts with a moving picture house.

"You're a great young humorist," commented Mr. Wemple and walked out.

NINE HURT IN FIRE; FIVE DIED IN SAME HOUSE LAST SPRING

No Fire Escapes Put Up Despite Fatal Blaze Few Months Ago.

MANY BRAVE RESCUES.

Actors and Actresses Saved From 44th Street Theatrical Boarding House.

Nine persons, one of whom is dying of her hurts, were seriously burned from head to foot and may not recover; Lulu Murray, burned about arms, face and body; Robert Murray, twelve, her son, burned about face and body; May Wentworth, sixty, burns and sprained ankle; Mrs. Jane Blalock, burned on face and body.

The following were taken to the homes of friends: George Murray, actor, burns on hands and knees; James Moore, actor, burned hands and face; Mrs. Mary Monfort, back sprained by fall; John Ferguson, actor, injured by fall.

On the ground floor is a cigar and stationery store and on the second floor a modiste's establishment. The three upper floors of the five-story building were used as a theatrical boarding house by William and Jane Blalock.

Deputy Fire Chief George Ross arrived before the apparatus and largely to his efforts were due so many successful rescues. The fire had started on the parlor floor among some trunks and gone up the stairwell through the skylight.

The most spectacular rescue was that of Mrs. Lulu Murray. With her husband, George, and son, Robert, she lived on the top floor rear. Finding they were cut off by the flames, Murray took the boy in his arms, called to his wife to follow and hurried to the roof. When he got there he discovered his wife had not followed.

Looking down from the edge of the cornice he saw her hysterical in a rear window. He called to James Moore, who had just reached the roof a few seconds before, and had him hold to his legs.

Thus braced, he swung down from the roof. His wife stood on the window sill and reached up as high as she could. Her husband was able to grasp her hands and lift her to the roof.

After a report by Inspector Kenaston of the Fire Prevention Bureau, Acting Fire Commissioner Fay said the work ordered by the Building Department at the instance of the Fire Prevention Bureau after the fatal Washington Birthday fire had been properly done.

"The courts have ruled," Mr. Fay said, "that a lodging house in which there are not more than fifteen rooms is a private dwelling, and that we have no authority to order the equipping of such buildings with fire escapes. The Building Department, we believe, has practically unlimited authority in that regard."

DARING BROOKLYN BOY KILLED BY A SHELL AS HE FIGHTS FOR FRANCE



"DARE-DEVIL" AUSTIN C. KYLE.

"DAREDEVIL" BOY FROM BROOKLYN KILLED IN FRANCE

Austin C. Kyle, Famed for Fearlessness in Movies, Hit by a Shell.

The life of one more American youth has been lost in the struggle of the allies for supremacy "somewhere in France." Austin C. Kyle, a Brooklyn boy, was killed by a shell Nov. 10, and was buried next day with military honors. He was a member of the Twenty-second Howitzer Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, and had been back with his regiment only a short time after having been severely wounded.

"Daredevil Jack Austin was Kyle's 'movie' stage name. He got it from his fearless feats for the pictures. He furnished many thrills in real life, throwing himself from high cliffs, leaping from open drawbridges on motorcycles and scaling the walls of skyscrapers.

On the fields of battle he showed the same fearlessness, bullets having no terrors for him.

While he lay in the hospital last summer, "skinned from thigh to heel," he chafed at the delay which kept him from going into action. Propped up on pillows, he wrote a long letter to his mother at No. 41 Convent Avenue, this city. He regretted that kismet had done him out of excitement by running him into a party of snipers.

"Fritz," he wrote, "has the German soldier is affectionately (?) called, is a great guy to snipe around and snipe us from a safe place. But let us repeat his performance, and he comes running, waving his arms around in the air, yelling 'Kamarad, kamarad, my hunks,' and soon is on his way to a happier, if smaller, world.

"I had the good fortune to witness this performance myself, and from what I hear, it is one of his long suits."

He wrote he was getting thin from worry, fearing that the war would be over before he again got into action. But he got his wish, and the shells of the Germans, which he said in his letter were "being fired with less accuracy than at the beginning of the war," found a target in him.

Kyle had made his home for some time before enlisting with the Canadian contingent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kyle, at No. 41 Convent Avenue, Manhattan. His grandfather was Gerald Carlton, the well-known writer, of No. 26 Sterling Place, Brooklyn. His mother was writing a letter to him when she received the news of his death from an officer of the battery.

ALLIED ARMY NEARING ATHENS AS KING MOBILIZES GREEKS

70,000 ROUMANIAN PRISONERS TAKEN SINCE DECEMBER 1

Losses in Killed and Wounded in Same Proportion, Says Berlin Report.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 9.—The Roumanians are in complete retreat before the advancing Danube and right German army wings, said to-day's official statement. Since December 1 the Roumanians lost near 70,000 men, taken prisoner by these two armies, with 184 cannons and 120 machine guns.

Several thousand of these included a force of Roumanians which endeavored to make their way from the passes northeast of Sinalia toward the southeast. Many cannons were also captured from them.

Discussing the numbers of prisoners and cannons taken, the official statement declares:

"The size of these figures admits of a clear conclusion as to the importance of the success obtained by our troops and shows to what degree the Roumanian army is in confusion. The losses in dead and wounded correspond to the number of prisoners. The amount of the booty and war material is incalculable."

Vain attacks by Russian forces, against German positions north of Narocz Lake and Skory Narrow, preceded by fire preparation, were unsuccessful, to-day's War Office statement asserted.

A majority of other strong Russian attacks, aimed at German positions on the front between Kirilbaba and the Batritza Valley were likewise repulsed.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9 (via London).—In the Province of Wallachia, says the Russian official statement, issued to-day, the Roumanian troops under unceasing hostile pressure continue to retire to the eastward. In consequence of this the Russian troops, who are on the left flank of the Roumanians, also are retiring.

FOUR MORE STEAMERS ARE REPORTED SUNK

One Danish and Three British Vessels the Latest War Victims.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lloyd's report the sinking of the Danish steamship Sigurd, 2,119 tons gross, and of the British steamships Avistart, 3,315 tons, Conch, 5,329 and Tanfield.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 9.—The British steamship Avistart, reported by Lloyd's as having been sunk, left here Nov. 29 for a port in the United Kingdom with 156,000 bushels of wheat. Her crew included two Americans—F. Murray of New Haven, Conn., and Tony Morris of New Bedford, Mass.

Kaiser Reported to Have Wired Congratulations to the Hellenic Ruler—Allies Threaten to Remove Constantine From His Throne

MAY PLACE VENIZELOS AT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Greek situation reached its most critical stage to-day. Mobilization of King Constantine's royalist forces, reports of Teutonic negotiations with the monarch, departure of all allied subjects from the capital, and of concentration of allied forces near Athens, were among the elements which gave concern here. All despatches from the Greek capital are delayed.

TEN HURT BY AUTOS WITHIN BRIEF TIME ON SLIPPERY STREETS

Mrs. W. A. Gavin, Golf Champion, Is Injured in Collision—Cars Hit Others.

Slippery streets and the fog caused a number of motor car accidents to-day, ten of them within an hour and a half.

Mrs. W. A. Gavin, the golf player who won the Women's Eastern Championship in Boston this year, was injured in a collision at Seventieth Street and Central Park West, when her car, which she was driving, and that of Emanuel Moses, of No. 1 West Seventieth Street, came together and were demolished.

Mrs. Gavin, who was on her way to the Nassau Country Club at the time, and her husband, were thrown from their machine. She struck on her head and received severe contusions while several of Mr. Gavin's teeth were knocked out. They were taken to their apartment in the Hotel Gotham and attended by a physician.

Others injured were: Grace Russ, thirty years old, of No. 215 East Sixty-eighth Street, hit by auto at Park Avenue and Sixty-ninth Street; concussion of brain and possible fracture of skull.

Grace Donohue, four years old, of No. 512 West Forty-eighth Street, run down at Forty-eighth Street, near Tenth Avenue.

Andrew Desconcel, twenty-eight years old, of No. 548 West Forty-third Street, struck at Eleventh Avenue and Forty-third Street.

John Robbins, forty years old, of No. 511 West Forty-ninth Street, injured at Tenth Avenue and Forty-third Street.

Pietro Scudino, twenty-eight years old, of No. 44 Mulberry Street, injured in front of home.

Hugh Dunn, fifty-seven years old, of No. 435 East One Hundred and Twenty-third Street, injured at Brook and Third Avenues.

Gustave Lesandri, fifty years old, of No. 523 Amsterdam Avenue, injured at Ninety-first Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

John Nunn, fourteen years old, of No. 421 West Fifty-third Street, injured at Tenth Avenue and Fifty-fourth Street.

Indore Kulinaki, seventeen years old, of No. 26 West One Hundred and Twelfth Street, injured at One Hundred and Tenth Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

WEATHER—Rain; probably snow to-night.