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WAGNER DEMANDS MAYOR BE CALLED TO SENATE BAR TO PROVE ROCKAWAY CHARGE

Asks That Mitchel Be Subpoenaed to Appear in Albany and Explain His Attack.

RESOLUTION IS OFFERED

Gov. Whitman, Leader Brown and Senators Generally Back Wagner—To Investigate Real Estate Deal.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 23.—Senator Robert F. Wagner introduced in the Senate to-day a resolution directing that Mayor John Purroy Mitchel be summoned to appear before the bar of the Senate and produce such evidence as he may have to substantiate his charge that Mr. Wagner's opposition to the Rockaway fortification bill was more in the interest of Germany than of the United States. Action was deferred until next Monday night on account of absence of most of the Senators.

The resolution is the prelude to contemplated contempt proceedings under the law which gives the Legislature power to punish for contempt not exceeding imprisonment during the entire sitting of the body. The specific paragraph prohibits "the publication of a false and malicious report of its proceedings, or of the conduct of a member in his legislative capacity."

WILL ASK INVESTIGATION OF ROCKAWAY DEAL.

Senator James A. Foley will offer on Monday night a resolution calling for a committee to investigate fully the entire Rockaway transaction for the purpose of ascertaining who owns the real estate that would have benefited if the Mills bill had gone through. Senator Foley wants a sweeping investigation that will leave no detail of the fortification land grab under ground.

"There will be a legislative investigation," said Senator Wagner today when he was asked if the Senate would seek material, as well as sentimental redress, for the mayor's attack. "The whole scheme will be forced to the light by means of an investigation. Senator Foley will offer the proper resolution just as soon as the Senate gets together Monday night."

WAGNER ASKS SUBPOENA TO TAKE MITCHEL TO ALBANY.

The text of Senator Wagner's resolution citing Mayor Mitchel, was as follows:

"Whereas, a public statement was given to the press in New York City on March 22, 1917, by Hon. John Purroy Mitchel, Mayor of the City of New York, wherein the charge is made by him that the activities of a member of the Senate, in connection with legislation providing for the acquisition of lands by the State of New York in the vicinity of Rockaway Point for defense purposes, have been in the interest of a foreign Government and, whereas, such charge involves the honor, patriotism and loyalty of one of the members of this body, now, therefore, be it resolved that this body

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'MY CHARGE BASED ON SENATE RECORD,' DECLARES MAYOR

"Touched Gentleman From Prussia, Wagner, in Tender Spot," Says Mitchel.

Questioned to-day about his charge that Senator Robert F. Wagner, in opposing the Rockaway fortifications' bill in its present form, is working in the interests of Germany, Mayor Mitchel practically reiterated his accusation. Following is a report of an interview with the Mayor in his office at the City Hall to-day:

Q. What have you to say concerning Senator Wagner's statement? A. I seem to have touched the gentleman from Prussia on a tender spot.

Q. Have you any proof to back up the charge which you made concerning Senator Wagner? A. I do not know just what you mean. If you refer to what I said yesterday, which was that there seemed to be some persons in the Legislature who were working more in the interest of Germany than in the interest of the United States, I have reference to the blocking of the fortifications and delaying construction.

Q. Have you any information or proof of that? A. The record in the Legislature shows the blocking. I said it would appear that some persons were working more in the interest of Germany. When we are about to go to war with Germany, to block a great and necessary fortification, can certainly be only in the interest of an enemy of the United States.

Q. Didn't you specifically mention Senator Wagner by name? A. Surely, I did.

Q. Did you see that Senator Brown stated you said that he had entered the same obstruction? A. I did not.

Q. Did you have any particular reason or object in singling out Senator Wagner among the men of the Senate who had obstructed? A. Yes. Because he led the obstruction.

Q. Can you tell us this: Will you be able at any future time to give more reasons than you have given in the assertions concerning Senator Wagner. A. I have said just a few minutes ago that the record of the Senate justifies what I have said.

Q. Then is the record of the Senate the sole basis for—A. I am going to answer up to that point and that is all.

Q. Have you read the statements of Senator Brown and Gov. Whitman backing up Senator Wagner? A. No. My dear fellow, I did not make the charge he (Wagner) was working for Prussia or for the German Government or for anybody else. I said it would appear from the facts that there were persons in the Senate who were working more in the interest of Germany than in the interest of the United States.

Q. Did you see that Gen. Wotherspoon is quoted as saying that the Government work was not being interfered with? A. No.

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TWO GIRLS KILL EACH OTHER; HAD "AGREED TO DIE"

Rich Wellesley Student and Athlete Companion Fire With Revolvers at Heads.

FALL DEAD TOGETHER.

Letters Reveal Identity and Death Pact, but Give No Reason.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 23.—The cause of the tragic death of two young women at the Portsmouth Club cafe had not been cleared up to-day by the authorities, who are still investigating. In a club booth the girls held revolvers at each other's temple and fired, both dying instantly.

One of them, Ethel Stanton, twenty-two, a Wellesley student, is a daughter of J. L. Stanton, city passenger agent of the Rock Island Railroad in Los Angeles, according to a despatch from Cincinnati, which said her mother, after being divorced, married F. A. Snider, a catsup manufacturer of Erie, Pa., and later was killed in an automobile accident. The other girl, Peggy Spaulding, twenty, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Spaulding of Newton Centre, Mass., and a noted athlete.

The girls came here Wednesday and went to the Rockingham Hotel, where they registered as Ethel Stanton and Rose King of Wellesley. They were well dressed and had plenty of money. They spent yesterday in their room and early last evening went to the cafe. Choosing a closed booth farthest from the entrance, they ate dinner and conversed earnestly in low tones. Several times they ordered and drank black coffee.

There were few persons in the cafe when about 11 o'clock two shots came simultaneously. When found, Miss Stanton held a 32-calibre and the other girl a 22-calibre revolver. A scribbled request was found asking that Judge C. S. Maisbury, Johnson Building, Cincinnati, be notified. It was through Judge Maisbury, the executor of Miss Stanton's mother's estate, that her identity was cleared up.

The girl who had registered as Miss King was identified through a letter found in a bag left at the hotel addressed to Mrs. E. L. Spaulding of Newton Centre. The police communicated with her and she said "Rose King" was her daughter.

In this letter was inclosed $14 in bills. Its text was not made public, but the police said it declared that the girls "had to die," that "it was better that they should do so" and expressed the hope that "all would meet in a better world." It gave no definite reason for their act.

Dr. H. L. Taylor, assistant medical referee, after an examination of the bodies to-day, said that at the time of their death the young women apparently were in normal and healthful condition. An inquest did not appear necessary, but might be held if wished by Miss Spalding's father, he said.

The police to-day received a telegram from Mr. Maisbury asking that the body of Miss Stanton be removed to Cincinnati.

Miss Spalding last summer was a director at the Quonset Camp in New Orleans and, it is stated, it was at the camp that she met Miss Stanton. She had attracted some attention in exhibition dancing.

Tragedy Puzzles Father of Miss Stanton.

LOS ANGELES, March 23.—J. L. Stanton, city passenger agent of the Rock Island Railroad, father of Ethel Stanton, who last night killed Miss "Peggy" Spaulding and who herself was shot by Miss Spaulding at Portsmouth, N. H., said to-day he could ascribe no cause for his daughter's act. He said she was 22 years old and had been traveling almost constantly since leaving this city five years ago.

GERMANS HIT BACK IN NIGHT, BUT FRENCH STILL DRIVE ON AFTER TERRIFIC FIGHTING

Kaiser's Troops Make Stand Notrh of St. Simon and Gain at First.

REPULSE, SAYS BERLIN.

German Report Says French Lost Heavily—230 Prisoners Taken.

PARIS, March 23.—A violent attack was made by the Germans last night north of St. Simon, in the region east of Ham. To-day's War Office announcement says the Germans gained some ground at the beginning, but were counter-attacked immediately and driven back as far as Seraucourt-le-Grand, three miles northeast of St. Simon.

The French continued to advance north of Soissons. Fresh detachments crossed the Aillette.

The statement says details which had been received regarding the attack by the Germans on the Vregny-Chivres line shows that they suffered heavy losses. Two companies of French Chasseurs which were isolated for a moment from the remainder of the troops cut their way through and brought back prisoners.

The statement follows:

"North of St. Simon the enemy made a violent attack last night on our positions near the village of Artemps. Our troops were thrown back slightly at first but immediately counter-attacked with vigor and succeeded in driving the enemy as far as Seraucourt-le-Grand.

"There was heavy artillery fighting between the Somme and the Oise. South of the Oise further detachments crossed the Aillette. There was intermittent cannonading in the hill region.

"North of Soissons we made new progress. It is now learned that the attack made by the enemy against the Vregny Chivres front was extremely violent. The Germans hurled an entire regiment at a single point. Two of our companies of Chasseurs, momentarily isolated, succeeded after violent fighting in disengaging themselves and returning with prisoners. The losses inflicted on the enemy in the course of these fruitless attacks were very heavy.

"Several surprise attacks of the enemy, northwest of Rheims, near Maisons de Champagne, in Avocourt wood and in the region of St. Mihiel, were repulsed by our fire.

"A German pursuit airplane, an Albatross, was brought down yesterday in our lines in the region of Vezelise."

FRENCH LOST HEAVILY IN ST. SIMON ATTACK, SAYS BERLIN REPORT

BERLIN, March 23 (by wireless to Sayville).—Heavy losses were inflicted by the Germans yesterday upon French troops who had crossed the Somme-Crozat canal in the vicinity of St. Simon, army headquarters announced to-day. The French were

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GEORGE M. COHAN in "Broadway Jones" Exclusively at STRAND next week.—Advt.

EDUCATIONAL BAN ON JEWS LIFTED BY EDICT IN RUSSIA

First Step for Full Emancipation Is Taken by New Government.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—First steps by the new Russian Government toward the emancipation of Jews in Russia were reported to-day by Ambassador Francis, who said all educational restrictions as to both schools and colleges had been removed. A bulletin given out by the State Department was as follows:

"The American Embassy at Petrograd reports that all restrictions limiting the rights of Jews to enter universities and schools in Russia have already been removed and that they are now permitted to enter any school or university in the Empire."

Officials here look on this step as a forecast of freedom for the Jews in Russia which will remove one of the gravest charges against the old Russian regime. Incidentally, it also forecasts the removal of passport restrictions because of which the United States abrogated the commercial treaty with Russia and lends confidence to statements from officials in Petrograd that the treaty soon may be renewed.

Combined with steps toward home rule in Finland and promises of autonomy for Poland, it convinces officials that the new Government is losing no time in carrying out the liberal programme on which it has been embarked.

The State Department already has received a great number of applications from American Jews who wish to go to Russia now that the old regime which barred them has passed away.

At the present stage of affairs it is not known when passports may be issued, and the question involves some correspondence between the department and Petrograd and the Embassy here.

HICCOUGHS ARE STOPPED.

Remedy Found to Save Life of Ex-Magistrate McCabe.

The attack of hiccoughs which threatened to end the life of former Magistrate James F. Mc Cabe, who has been ill at his home in Far Rockaway since Monday, was broken this afternoon when physicians used tonquin musk, a perfumery substance, as an anti-spasmodic. Mr. McCabe had hiccoughed continuously since Monday and it was recognized that he would die unless the attack was stopped.

Dr. William H. Nalsonock who has been attending the former magistrate said he was certain to recover. Hundreds of suggestions came to the physicians in attendance as the result of publications of Mr. McCabe's illness.

Last Two Days of Big Sale.

$10 Men's Overcoats and Suits, $5.95.

The "Hub" Clothing Corner, Broadway, cor. Barclay st., opp. Woolworth Building, will sell to-day & Saturday the balance of their $10 & $12 Men's Overcoats & Suits, blacks, fancy grays, browns & dark mixed, in plain or pinched backs; all sizes 34 to 44. Our special price for to-day & Saturday, $5.95 & $6.95. Open Saturday night till 10. Hub Clothiers, Broadway, corner Barclay Street.—Advt.

KAISER SERIOUSLY ILL, MESSAGES TO THE HAGUE SAY

Emperor Is Reported Suffering From Severe Nervous Breakdown.

ORDERED TO HOMBURG.

Physicians Regard the Condition of the German Ruler as Grave.

LONDON, March 23.—Private messages have reached The Hague that Emperor William is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from The Hague reports.

The Emperor's physicians are said to have ordered him to take the cure at Homburg.

HOLLWEG TO CONFER WITH KAISER WILHELM AND VON HINDENBURG

German Imperial Chancellor Goes to Army Headquarters for Important Meeting.

LONDON, March 23.—The German Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, left Berlin on Wednesday, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam, to confer with the Kaiser and with Field Marshal von Hindenburg at Great General Headquarters.

"Fortunately, our fears regarding the possible effects of a restricted supply of foodstuffs have been unfounded," said Dr. Karl Helfferich, Minister of the Interior and Vice Chancellor, in his speech before the Reichstag, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam. "The general state of health has been surprisingly good. The death rate among children has further decreased, while infant mortality is lower than in time of peace."

TANZER JURY STILL OUT AFTER NEARLY TWO DAYS

Judge Intimates Verdict Must Be Reached Regardless of Time—Rae Naps in Court.

After three appearances before Judge Van Fleet to-day the jury in the trial of Rae Tanzer for perjury retired again at 12.20 P. M. They had then been deliberating for more than forty-three hours. Although the Judge is ill, he said he would come back to receive a verdict any time before 10 P. M.—to-day, to-morrow, Monday, or even later.

Having been unable to sleep much during the last two nights, Rae Tanzer stretched herself on a big lounge in a corner and took a nap while waiting for the jury to report.

When the jurors told Judge Van Fleet at noon they could not agree he replied: "I hope you have not been considering anything but the evidence in this case," and sent them out again.

There was a rumor that the jurors might ask if they could bring in a verdict exonerating James W. Osborne but acquitting Rae Tanzer on the ground that she had made an honest mistake.

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SUBMARINE SINKS U. S. SHIP OUTSIDE OF 'BARRED' ZONE; DUTCH RESCUE 6 AMERICANS

Tanker Healdton, Carrying Cargo to Neutral Country, Sent Down in North Sea—Twenty Drowned When Lifeboat Capsizes.

NO ACTION IS EXPECTED UNTIL CONGRESS MEETS

ROTTERDAM, March 23.—The American steamer Healdton, bound from Philadelphia for Rotterdam with petroleum, was torpedoed without warning at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

Of thirteen Americans in the crew only six are among the survivors.

The six Americans saved are Captain Charles Carstophen of Brooklyn; John Caldwell, of New York, Chief Engineer, and G. W. Emery, of New Orleans, First Assistant Engineer, all of whom landed at Ymuidea; O. Willerup, of New York, Chief Mate; Y. Swenson, Second Assistant Engineer, and W. C. Johnson, of Hoboken, N. J., Third Assistant Engineer, who landed at Terschelling.

The crew left the ship in three boats. One boat, containing seven men, was picked up by a Dutch torpedo boat, and a second, with thirteen men, was rescued by a Dutch steam trawler last night.

The third boat, containing twenty men, was overturned when the ship capsized. All were drowned.

Detailed accounts of the sinking show that the Healdton, after considerable delay at Halifax on her way to Rotterdam, proceeded to Bergen, Norway, where she received orders to resume the voyage to Rotterdam.

Notwithstanding the electrically illuminated words "Healdton, New York," between the masts, the vessel was bombarded suddenly by an invisible submarine, which first shot away the illuminated name and thereupon without warning twice torpedoed the vessel.

SURVIVORS ON THE VERGE OF EXHAUSTION.

All efforts to save the men in the overturned boat were fruitless. The boat with thirteen men, including the Captain, was sighted on Thursday by the steam trawler Java, which had just put to sea, but immediately returned to Ymuiden with the shipwrecked men. A number of these survivors were in their underclothes and all were terribly exhausted by the night's fatigue and exposure in the open boat to bitter cold and snow. They had not even enough strength to come alongside the trawler, whose skipper had to apply his best seamanship to approach the boat without running it down. Once on board the trawler some of the survivors fell to the deck in a faint from exhaustion.

In its account of the sinking of the Healdton the Amsterdam Handelsblad says:

"The unreliability of the German assurances regarding the so-called safe zone is shown by the reports of the crew of the Healdton and the crews of fishing boats.

"For safety's sake the Healdton chose the northern route. All went well until Wednesday evening at 8.15 o'clock when a submarine suddenly made a treacherous attack. Without fully emerging and without a warning it fired two torpedoes which hit the steamer amidships, so that the vessel, because of the dangerous character of her cargo and an explosion in the engine room, caught fire at once.

"The crew of a Dutch trawler

$50000 IN GOLD CAN'T GET BLIND MILLIONAIRE IN U.S.

Despite Partners' Plea, He Is Held at Ellis Island to Await Ruling.

Michael Messabin, a blind millionaire, a native of Syria, arriving today on the United Fruit liner Zacapa from Colombia, was denied admission to the country, and sent to Ellis Island to await the determination as to his status. He is an exporter of gold and platinum from Colombia, and it was because of his infirmity that he was refused landing.

He was accompanied by three partners. Two of them, Antonio and Najeeb Malluk, are importers at No. 120 Broadway. Ibraim Matalon, is a resident of Colombia. When the immigration inspectors denied the blind man a landing, the partners brought into the saloon gold coin and platinum amounting to $50,000. They said they would bring more, if necessary. Technically, the blind man might become a public charge.

BALTIC ARRIVES SAFELY.

White Star Liner Reported at Liverpool Dock.

The White Star Line steamship Baltic, which left here March 13 for Liverpool, has arrived safely, according to a cablegram received here to-day by officials of the line. The Baltic had seventy-seven passengers.

Among the passengers were twenty Americans. The commander of the Baltic is Capt. J. H. Ranson.

Hears Germany Places Captives in Front Line.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, March 23.—Germany has sent many of her captives to the front line of battle as reprisals, according to a statement issued by the International Red Cross to-day.

The statement said the Red Cross was endeavoring to dissuade the German authorities from such form of reprisals.