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Grand Jury Puts Sedition Up to Magistrates PART OF KING JEWELS GIVEN UP BY MEANS

MRS. KING'S MOTHER GETS ARTICLES HELD BY MEANS, INCLUDING \$3,500 NECKLACE

Swann Gets Report on Articles Turned Over to Lawyer at Concord, N. C.

FORGERY HUNT GOES ON

Will of Tragedy Victim Now Under Scrutiny by District Attorney Here.

Martin van Buren, representing P. C. McDuffie, the attorney retained by Mrs. Anne L. Robinson to investigate the tragic death of her daughter, Mrs. Maude A. King, called at the District Attorney's office today to report among other things the contents of a letter he had received from Mr. McDuffie after the Atlanta lawyer had interviewed Gaston B. Means at Concord, N. C.

McDuffie says he ascertained from Mrs. Robinson that when she was staying at the Hotel Majestic in this city she was robbed of a valuable diamond necklace. She told her attorney, in relating this circumstance, that at the time of the theft she was induced by Means not to make the loss public. She asserts that Means assured her that "his detective" would recover the necklace. Later, she says, Means accused a maid of the theft.

When McDuffie called on Means on behalf of his client, he says in his letter, Means gave him certain jewelry belonging to Mrs. Robinson, including a diamond necklace valued at \$3,500.

CITES LETTER AS INDICATION OF MEANS'S METHODS.

Mrs. Robinson's attorney also announces that he has obtained possession of a letter written to Mrs. King by Means during one of his absences, which he regards as typical of the communications with which Gaston B. Means, Mrs. King's business adviser, sought to impress her with his importance as a secret agent and to keep her from seeing others while he was away. The letter reads:

"I am now sailing on Chesapeake Bay on a very important investigation. I will communicate with you through the usual underground channels. Beware of strangers. You are closely watched."

"I have made a most important discovery myself," said Mr. Van Buren. "I have interviewed one of the persons whose names appear as witnesses to the legal paper dissolving the trust fund in Chicago of Mrs. Robinson, under which \$125,000 was set aside for her maintenance. This person, whose name I withheld for the present, tells me that she never witnessed the signing of any legal paper by Mrs. Robinson, and that if her name appears in such a connection it is a forgery."

Mrs. Agnes Bamberg of No. 103 West Seventy-fourth Street called at the District Attorney's office today to tell what she knew of the relations between Means and Mrs. King. She said before going into conference with Assistant District Attorney Dooling that she had entered the employ of Mrs. Robinson as companion and secretary in April, 1915. She travelled with her employer a great deal, but during the time that Means was more or less a member of the household she became afraid of his marked influence over Mrs. King.

The will of Mrs. King, giving her

\$7,000,000,000 DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Measure Carrying Big War Loan Appropriations Gets Unanimous Vote.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The House this afternoon passed unanimously the \$7,000,000,000 urgent deficiency bill, carrying large appropriations for carrying on the war.

CONFERENCE FAILS TO END STRIKE; 5,000 OUT

Loading of Many Ships at West Side Piers Halted by the Walkout.

Officials of the International Mercantile Marine and representatives of the 1,800 longshoremen who quit the companies docks near West Twenty-third Street yesterday made an unsuccessful effort to settle their differences at a conference this afternoon.

Following the conference, the longshoremen employed by the Cunard, Holland-American and French lines stopped work, this making about 5,000 dock laborers who are now idle as a result of the strike.

ANOTHER U. S. GUNNER LOCATED IN GERMAN CAMP

William Albert Miller of Chicago, Captured When Campana Was Sunk, Now at Blandensburg.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—William Albert Miller of Chicago, member of the gun crew of the Campana, sunk by a submarine Aug. 11, has been located in a German prison camp at Blandensburg. It was officially announced today.

POTATOES TO BE \$1.50.

Food Administration Acts to Keep Price Down This Winter.

GRAND JURY PUTS SOAP BOX SEDITION UP TO MAGISTRATES

Urges They Act With More Vigor—Traitorous Speeches in Skilful Language.

The September Grand Jury, of which Alexander Kosta is foreman, filed with Judge McIntyre in General Sessions today the much talked-of presentment it adopted a week ago regarding its investigation of seditious and treasonable utterances by "soap-box" orators. The presentment covers eight type-written pages and recommends that the City Magistrates, before whom all of the "soap-box" orators were arraigned, should act with vigor, and the Police Department should produce full and exact evidence.

After quoting the instructions of Judge McIntyre when they were empaneled, the question still remains, the Grand Jurors say, as to the attitude the Grand Jury should take toward the orators.

"Should we not," the presentment says, "as guardians of the public, in its relations to the police, ask for an exact restatement of the objectionable utterances? Is it treason, or is it sedition which they preach?"

"From the reports of these 'soap-box' speeches as published in the press, it is clear that the makers of these speeches are attempting to evade their responsibilities as abusers of the right of free speech.

"They preach sedition, yet they are so skilful in the use of language that it is difficult to select precise statements for which they may be indicted with prospect of conviction. They seem to be traitors, yet they hide their treason in clever verbiage.

"They encourage rebellion to constituted authority, yet constituted authority finds it difficult to say where they have offended. They are masters of innuendo. They speak in veiled terms. They are disturbers of our communal peace. It is the result which they produce on the minds that is dangerous.

"They are virtually conspirators against the general well-being of the community and the nation, yet the arm of the law does not seem adequate to mete out to them the proper punishment for their offenses."

In regard to the City Magistrates, the presentment says they have refused to accept innuendo for evidence, or to send men to jail for alleged noise and winks.

"May it not be asked," the presentment goes on, "if in these times of war the City Magistrates have not partly failed to perform their duties to the community? We are no longer living in times of peace. We are beset with dangers without and within.

"We are face to face daily with conspiracies and possible murder, with poisonous hatred and nefarious plots against our national existence. It is too much to hope that our Magistrates should rise to a higher conception of their duty and proceed boldly to an interpretation of the spirit of the law which, once and for all, will effectually root out the cancerous growth which has menaced our recent life."

LAWYER CONKLING KILLED BY FOUR-STORY PLUNGE FROM WINDOW OF HOME

Brooded Over Domestic Troubles—Recently Sued by Daughters—67 Years Old.

Alfred Ronalds Conkling, wealthy lawyer, former Assemblyman and nephew of the late Senator Roscoe Conkling, jumped from a fourth-story window to the rear yard of his home at No. 157 East Seventieth Street early today and was killed. His pajama-clad body was seen in the airway between his brownstone house and the house adjoining by a citizen at 7 o'clock, and Mrs. Mary Stebbins, his housekeeper, was notified.

No one else was in the Conkling home at the time and no one saw the lawyer's plunge. A physician said he had been dead for several hours when the body was found. Mr. Conkling was sixty-seven years old. Mrs. Stebbins said Mr. Conkling had long brooded over the troubles that had caused his family to live apart from him. Recently he had acted strangely. He went to his office at No. 80 Maiden Lane daily and returned home for his meals.

Mrs. Conkling and one daughter, Vivian, are in San Francisco. The two other daughters, Muriel and Olga, are in the White Mountains. CONKLINGS HAD BEEN SEPARATED SEVERAL YEARS.

Mr. Conkling and his wife, Mrs. Ethel E. J. Conkling, daughter of Eastman Johnson, the portrait painter, had been separated for several years. His domestic affairs had several times been before the courts, but it was said today that the thing that caused him the most pain was an effort recently made by Muriel and Olga, his eldest daughters, to have him removed as their guardian under the will of their uncle, George Lord, the bulk of his fortune, about \$500,000.

Mrs. Conkling brought a separation suit in 1912. Among other things, she alleged her husband refused for weeks at a time to speak to her. The suit was discontinued under an agreement by which Mrs. Conkling received \$300 a month alimony and each daughter was allowed to choose the parent with whom she desired to live. The couple were married in 1894.

Mr. Conkling was born at No. 27 East Tenth Street in a house occupied for three generations by his family. He was an Alderman in 1887 and 1888 and an Assemblyman in 1892. He was a member of the Metropolitan and Republican Clubs. He was author of the most authoritative biography of his celebrated kinsman, Roscoe Conkling.

SAYS CONKLING WAS FOND OF HIS DAUGHTERS.

In discussing Mr. Conkling's death, Alfred C. Case, of the law firm of Tomlinson, Cox & Tomlinson, of No. 15 Broad Street, said:

"Mr. Conkling has been depressed all summer. His family troubles greatly worried him, especially the action instituted in the surrogate's Court by his daughters for the removal of Mr. Conkling as guardian and trustee of certain funds from which the daughters were some beneficiaries."

"Under the will of the late George L. Ronalds, Mrs. Conkling's three daughters were to receive the income of a very substantial sum of money. William H. Sage and Mr. Conkling

21 SAILORS LOST AS U BOATS SINK NORWEGIAN SHIPS

Two Norwegian Vessels Sent to the Bottom, Says an Official Report.

CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 18.—The Norwegian Foreign Office announced today that the Norwegian steamer Askblad, of 2,823 tons gross, had been sunk by a German submarine. One boat with eleven men was lost and the Captain and ten men were saved.

It was also announced that the Norwegian steamship Rein, of 1,175 tons gross, had been sunk by a German submarine off Cape St. Vincent. Ten men lost their lives and the Captain and nine others of the crew were saved.

The Askblad was under charter to the French Government and left here Aug. 23 with a cargo for a French port.

NEW CITY HALL CLOCK WILL BE MUCH SMALLER

Architect's Plans Also Place It 11 Feet Lower in the Cupola.

Amended plans filed with the Manhattan Bureau of Buildings today reveal that the dial of the proposed new clock in the cupola of the City Hall will be much smaller than that of the old clock in diameter, and that the face will be approximately eleven feet lower in the cupola than the old one.

The amended plans were filed by Grosvenor Atterbury, architect, of No. 131 East Seventieth Street. The dial will be five feet in diameter, instead of approximately seven feet, the diameter of the old clock's face.

The new clock position will be seen by a glance at the old fire-scarred cupola soon to be removed. The dial will be fitted in the circular top of the window of the new tower about the same height as the present window of the old cupola.

Blames Avalanche Of 'Dollar-a-year' Men for War Delay

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Well-paid employees in places of prominent trust now giving their services to the Government at nominal pay, such as \$1 a year, were urged in the House today by Representative Digne of Louisiana.

"The greatest cause of delay in our war activities," he said, "is the avalanche of men who have descended upon Washington to do their bit free of charge. If you go down to see them on Thursday you learn they have left town to return Tuesday; and if you go back on Tuesday you learn they have just gone out to lunch."

Representative Gillette of Massachusetts defended the "dollar-a-year" men, insisting that their positions probably would be filled by "deserving Democrats" if they were to retire.

\$100,000 GIVEN TO YALE BY MRS. E. H. HARRIMAN

Gifts Amounting to \$300,000 Are Announced by the University Officials.

NET HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 18.—Gifts amounting to \$300,000 to Yale University were announced here today.

Among the gifts was one of \$100,000 by Mrs. E. H. Harriman for the Harriman fund for obstetrics, and one of \$50,000 by Charles F. Hooker for the same purpose. The latter will bear the name of Julia F. Hooker.

BAKER WARNS WAR CONVENTION ABOUT CRYING FOR PROFITS

Secretary Tells Business Men There Must Be No Hits and Buts in This War.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 18.—"There must be no ifs nor buts, no crying for profits, in the patriotic war programme of American business," Secretary of War Baker today warned leaders of American business in the War Convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

"The waves breaking along this boardwalk bring messages from afar," he continued, "I seem to hear in their chords and strains the cries of drowning children, the moans of dying mothers, and to detect in their watery voices the tales of bombs dropped on innocents from the air—of lives snuffed out in the mad battle of a monarch for territorial aggrandizement."

"We must answer these cries and the cries of England and France and Russia that come to us on the waves. The waves must carry back our reply—'Yes ye French People of Europe, we are marching millions strong; our soldiers, our business, our industries, ALL we have, is pledged in this great burden you have been bearing.'"

"That is the message we must send. We are too close to the Cradle of Liberty, in Philadelphia, to send anything otherwise. It is a message that can not be effective unless you, of American Business, join in the sending of it."

Business men asking their duty to the nation in war were told by Secretary Lane to change the word from "duty" to "opportunity" and seek the answer from the khaki-clad American boys who are crossing the ocean.

"We have come upon a new day and a new philosophy," he said. "We are to judge men henceforward not by what they have, but by what they give."

The Secretary declared that the United States, having determined to fight Germany's efforts to master the world "with high explosives and low intrigue," was making full steam ahead.

"If any one doubts that," he added, "let him look at the record of Congress, which has come in for so much of derision and reproach. I presume to say that no other parliamentary body in so short a time ever passed so great a volume of well-considered and prophetic legislation as has our present Congress in the past five months."

"We shall make war in earnest, for we know that if Germany wins the world will turn aside from the system of law and liberty which we know and exalt that military caste and system which is the historic enemy of personal liberty. We make war in France that we may not be compelled to do battle here. Let Germany have Canada or Mexico, or even Cuba, and we would go to our daily work like the Pilgrim Fathers, with our guns in our hands."

900 GERMANS KILLED OR WOUNDED IN AIR RAID

Bomb Dropped in Raid of Allied Aviators Falls on Building in Roulers.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 18.—In the recent raid by Entente Allied airmen on the Belgian town of Roulers, says the Courrier de la Meuse, a newspaper of Maastricht, Holland, a bomb fell on a building near the Market and killed or wounded 900 Germans.

GERMAN WAR PRISONERS DIE OF TYPHUS FEVER

Soldier Who Escaped Says More Than 5,000 French, British and Russians Were Victims.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—Albert Champlain, a French soldier who, on his third attempt, has just escaped from Germany, brings the information that 5,000 French and British soldiers and 10,000 French have died of typhus at the German concentration camp at Cassel, ninety miles northeast of Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

20 OFFICERS KILLED IN A FINNISH UPRISING

Sixty Others Reported Missing After Disorders at the Fortified Seaport of Viborg.

23 ACCOMPLICES IN REVOLT TO BE TRIED WITH KORNILOFF; KERENSKY GOES TO FRONT

Petrograd Reports Successes on the Riga and Roumanian Fronts in the Latest Fighting With Teutons.

BERLIN DENIES OFFER OF PEACE TERMS TO U. S.

It is Also Denied That a Reply to the Poje Has Been Sent.

BERLIN, Sept. 18 (via London).—The German Foreign Office in a statement given to the Associated Press denies stories appearing in Danish and other foreign newspapers to the effect that the German government had indirectly communicated its peace terms to Washington, or that Wilhelmstrasse even had sent out trial balloons for the purpose of sounding sentiment in the United States.

The German Foreign Office further informed the Associated Press that rumors were promptly discredited on the strength of the peace terms ascribed to Germany and further by the fact that there was no occasion for Germany to address the Washington Government in this respect.

The assertion made by Mathias Erzhberger, the German leader in the Reichstag, that Germany's note in reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals already was on its way to Rome also was denied in official quarters. The Central leader informed his electors to this effect in the course of two meetings which he addressed in Wurtemberg on Sunday.

Premier Kerensky in a proclamation issued yesterday appealed to the population and to the men of the army and navy to trust the Government and to continue to fight the enemy.

The investigation of Korniloff's uprising is progressing rapidly. He completed his defense last night before the special governmental commission appointed to investigate the cause of the revolt, submitting a full statement in writing. Examination of the other twenty-three officers involved in the rebellion is going on and a full report from the commission, making recommendations as to future action, is expected shortly.

All Russia is anxious to learn who has defended the former generalissimo has made to the charges of treason. The demand on the part of the public that he be executed as the best possible example to all Russia's troops that discipline is to be enforced without fear or favor showed little abatement today.

Russian forces on the Riga front continue to make progress in their drive against the Germans. The text of the statement issued today by the Russian War Office reads:

"In the direction of Riga fighting between advanced posts continues, our advance elements offering resistance everywhere and at certain points making progress. We have occupied the farm of Soden, south of the Town of Sissel, and also have taken the contrary southwest of Hapsal. On the northern bank of the River Aa, west of Sabelki, in the direction of Lina, one of our parties successfully raided enemy trenches. On the rest of this front there were rifle firing and scouting operations."

The War Office also announces that Roumanian forces yesterday occupied a sector of the Austro-German fortified positions in the region of Varnitza.

BRITISH SCHOONER WRECKED

CHATHAM, Mass., Sept. 18.—The British schooner Cora M. lumber laden, from Charlestown, P. E. I., was wrecked off Monrovia Point in a sixty-mile gale today.

Capt. Miller and a crew of three men were rescued by coast guardsmen. The men had taken to the rigging and were removed with great difficulty.