

ENVOYS ON WAY TO VERSAILLES; TO SIGN TREATY 2 O'CLOCK FRIDAY



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\$300,000 JEWEL ROBBERY MYSTERY AT BILTMORE

ARMY AVIATOR PLUNGES TO DEATH FROM PLANE IN PRESENCE OF FIANCEE

Lieut. Watson and His Mechanic Meet Death in Flames at Rye Beach. Machine' Nose Dives. Flyers Drop in an Amusement Field While Making a Practice Spin.

The fiancée of Lieut. Shelly M. Watson of Rogers, Texas, saw him and his helper, M. Ireland of Westbury, L. I., plunge to death in a mass of flames at 9:30 o'clock this morning. She was on the porch of her home at Rye Beach, L. I., a few moments after she sent greetings and waved kisses to the army officer in the air.

Only a few minutes before the fiancée stood on the porch of her home waving and shouting to her intended husband, who greeted her with a like salutation from his perch aloft. He was flying low at the time and was so near her that she could see him smile. Then something happened and the next moment the machine took a nose dive and plunged toward the ground.

The biplane struck nose first and ploughed into the earth for a considerable distance with force enough to crush the aviators, but on the short drop flames broke out and the machine was a blazing mass before it reached the earth. It fell burning on what is known as the trolley circle which lies between Ward's Park and the roadway and within twenty-five feet of the Watson home. Both aviators were unconscious. While policemen, with buckets of water and sand, rushed to their aid they were powerless to save them.

The flyers started from the Mineola Aviation Field at 9 o'clock for a practice flight, as they had done for many mornings. At about 9:20 o'clock, Dr. John Greene, a friend of both aviators, heard the hum of the machine above his house on Prospect Avenue and went out on his porch to view the performance. The doctor saw the machine proceed on its way toward Rye Beach, and it was then not more than fifty feet above the rooftops.

WILKINS ON STAND, DESCRIBES SCENE AT WIFE'S MURDER

Aged Doctor Says Victim's Screams Ceased Shortly After Robber Left House.

GRABBED BY THROAT. Bandits Beat Him, Took Cash and Jewels, Then Fled. He Testifies.

(Special From a Daily Correspondent of the Evening World.)
MINEOLA, L. I., June 24.—Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, his ruddy old face framed by snow white hair and close cropped beard and mustache, took the witness stand before Justice David S. Manning in the Supreme Court to-day. He walked to the stand with a professional dignity which was almost pompous. He settled himself to make his supreme effort to defend himself from the accusation of beating his wife to death with a bludgeon at their Long Beach cottage. He seemed as calm at first as though in a chair in his office consulting with a patient. But before his attorney, Charles N. Wyson, had been questioning him for ten minutes his voice became shaky and the pink flush of apparent vigorous vitality turned to an excited flush.

Dr. Wilkins was dressed in the cut-away coat, with braided edges, and the dark gray trousers with a light stripe, which it is the contention of the defense he wore on the day his wife was killed, and was still wearing when he went to his Long Beach neighbors to tell of his being robbed and of his wife being struck down.

Just before adjournment, at recess, when telling how the news of his wife's death was broken to him in the army hospital at Long Beach, Dr. Wilkins covered his face with his hands and sobbed and became incoherent for a moment.

At the outset of his examination Mr. Wyson drew from Dr. Wilkins a sketch of his life from the time he was born at Gorham, Me. He followed very closely the facts as they had already been outlined in Mr. Wyson's earlier address.

Dr. Wilkins spoke in short, clipped sentences, with a metallic tone which suggested that he almost resented the forced inquiry into his private affairs by a public tribunal.

\$300,000 JEWELS STOLEN AT HOTEL, WOMAN REPORTS

Mrs. Clarence Millhiser Says Valuables Vanished From Safety Deposit Vault.

BIG PEARL NECKLACE. One String of Gems Valued at \$260,000, Richmond, Va., Widow Declares.

Detectives from Police Headquarters, aided by those of a private agency, two firms of lawyers and the executive staff at the Biltmore, are trying to-day to fathom the disappearance of jewels reported worth \$300,000 belonging to Mrs. Clarence Millhiser of Richmond, Va.

The jewels consisted of a pearl necklace studded with diamonds, which is reputed to be worth \$260,000. Other jewels, consisting of pendants, lavalliers, earrings and costly trinkets, are valued at \$40,000. Mrs. Millhiser says she placed the jewels in a safe deposit box of the hotel May 29.

Mrs. Millhiser and her late husband, a manufacturer, who died May 20 last, have spent considerable time visiting in New York. They invariably have been guests at the Biltmore while in New York.

No one offered to explain why the alleged robbery was not made public before. Detectives from police headquarters did not visit the Biltmore until to-day. The supposition is, therefore, that a private agency has been secretly attempting to recover the gems.

The law firm of Stanchfield & Levy, representing Mrs. Millhiser in prosecuting her late husband's will in court, refused to-day to comment upon the robbery. They did admit, however, that jewelry had disappeared.

WILSON AND THE PREMIERS PLAN FINAL ACT FOR PEACE

CLEMENCEAU TO QUIT POST AS SOON AS PEACE IS SIGNED; REJOICES OVER SURRENDER

'We Have Waited Forty-Nine Years for This Moment,' He Exclaims on Receiving the German Note.

PARIS, June 24.—"We have waited forty-nine years for this moment," exclaimed Premier Clemenceau as he opened the fateful despatch announcing that Germany would sign the treaty at the meeting of the Council of Three Monday afternoon.



"For forty-nine years," he continued, "the mailed fist of the reiter (German trooper), who has governed Germany as Bismarck or William II, it was still the same reiter of the Middle Ages, surrounded by soldiery and drunk with pride.

"Be careful; keep your powder dry. Be careful. Remind the world that it is living on a barrel of that powder.

"This reiter's dogma was that might is right, that a state's only obligation is its own interest, that treaties do not exist when they clash with the interest of a state and get rich by any means. We know from witnesses who were at the side of William II that when he learned of the Sarajevo tragedy, he who posed as a keeper of the peace cried: 'The hour has struck. Now we shall see what an army is.'

This story of how the French Premier received the news was told at a dinner given by the Economic Commission of the conference in honor of the French delegation by Etienne Clementel, former Minister of Commerce and Agriculture. The Minister concluded his speech with a eulogy of the League of Nations, which he said was "at present the world's hope."

"Toward this magnificent and impressive innovation," he said, "I ask you to direct all your thoughts and to uplift your hearts in this great act of faith, hope and love."

Premier Clemenceau has expressed his intention to resign from office as soon as the treaty is promulgated, feeling that he has accomplished the task for which he assumed the Premiership, says Marcel Hutin in the Echo de Paris.

It is expected that Parliament will ratify the treaty late in July.

Germans Appoint Herman Mueller, New Foreign Minister, as Head of New Peace Delegation—Wilson to Start Back as Soon as Pact Is Signed.

PARIS, June 24.—The German delegation which will sign the Peace Treaty will arrive at Versailles on Friday morning, the French Foreign Office has been informed. It is thought probable in French circles that the signing of the Treaty will take place at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The information regarding the time of arrival of the German delegation was made known to Premier Clemenceau, Lloyd George and President Wilson while they were at Versailles this afternoon looking over the arrangements for the signature of the treaty.

The Treaty will be signed in the historic Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, in the palace where von Moltke and von Bismarck, with typical Prussian boorishness, ravished France of two of her fairest provinces.

Immediately following the actually signing of the treaty, President Wilson, accompanied by several hundred members of the American Peace Delegation and American experts, will board special trains for Brest, where the liner George Washington is waiting, with steam up, to rush the American Chief Executive to New York. Mr. Wilson will go immediately to Washington, to begin his fight to force through the Senate speedy ratification of the treaty and the League of Nations Covenant.

VERSAILLES, June 24 (United Press).—Herman Mueller, new German Foreign Minister, has been appointed President of the German Peace Delegation, it was officially announced this afternoon. It was said he would probably sign the treaty alone, but would be accompanied to Versailles by a delegation of twenty.

PARIS GOES WILD WITH JOY OVER SURRENDER OF GERMANS

Scenes Like These Attending the Signing of the Armistice Are Re-enacted at the French Capital.

PARIS, June 23 (Associated Press).—Long months of strain during the peace negotiations and weeks of doubt whether Germany would accept the conditions offered or would invite by her refusal of them a further invasion of her country ended late yesterday afternoon when a note announcing Germany's unconditional acceptance was delivered to the Supreme Council of the Conference.

The announcement during the early morning of the Council's decision to refuse a further extension of time in which Germany might answer inaugurated a day of extreme tension. It was generally known to the public and conference diplomats that only a few hours separated them from the portentous decision. The first light came in a press despatch from Weimar about noon, stating that Germany had decided to yield, but nothing was heard from Versailles until shortly after 3 o'clock P. M. A telephone message from Versailles then announced the arrival of the German reply, which it was known to a few of the initiated was favorable.

PERSHING IN LONDON; RECOGNIZED BY FEW

American Commander Will Be Gen. Biddle's Guest To-Night and Get Oxford Degree To-Morrow.

LONDON, June 24.—Gen. Pershing, who arrived here to-day from France for a brief visit, was met at Dover by Gen. Biddle, Commander of the American forces in England, who motored with him to London.

Gen. Pershing's arrival was characteristically unostentatious. Few people recognized him. He will spend the night here as Gen. Biddle's guest, and will motor to-morrow to Oxford, where he will receive an honorary degree.

NEW GERMAN CRISIS REPORTED IN PARIS

American Delegate Hears That Chancellor Bauer's New Ministry Has Fallen.

PARIS, June 24 (United Press).—An unconfirmed rumor reached the American Peace Commission to-day that Chancellor Bauer's newly formed German Ministry had fallen.

GERMANS REJOICE OVER AGREEMENT TO SIGN TREATY

Processions in Berlin, Munich and Other Large Cities, All Participants Singing.

LONDON, June 24.—News of the German Government's agreement to sign the peace terms resulted in patriotic demonstrations through Germany, the Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent reports.

In Berlin, Munich and other large cities, the despatch says, processions formed and marched along the principal streets, the participants singing war songs and cheering the Generals of the old empire.

The Officers' Association, it is added, has asked the Dutch Government not to deliver the former German Emperor to the Allies. In a telegram, officers of the association said, "We can protect the Kaiser with our bodies, but we rely upon the generosity of the Dutch people."

\$12 A WEEK FOR MOTHERS UNDER BAY STATE BILL

BOSTON, June 24.—The State Senate has passed a bill to protect mothers and children during the maternity period by authorizing payments of \$12 a week during confinement.

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