

ALLIES BAR GERMANY FROM ANY PART IN RUSSIAN RESTORATION AT GENOA

CONGRESS TO LOOK INTO SECRET DEAL IN OIL FIELDS HELD FOR NAVY FUEL SUPPLY

Congress, Stirred by Exposure of Contract, Inclined to Blame Secretary Fall and His Friendship for Oil Interests.

He Has So Far Ignored Senate's Request for Information as to Deal by Which New York Syndicate Gets Rich Wyoming Reserve.

(Special to The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, April 18.—Although the Senate adopted by unanimous consent Saturday a resolution offered by Senator Kendrick of Wyoming, calling upon the Interior Department for information as to the deal between a New York financial group and the Government for the operation of Naval Petroleum Reservoir No. 2 in Wyoming, Secretary Fall's office has not yet responded.

Several members of Congress, in view of the naval policy involved, expect to discuss in connection with the pending naval appropriation bill the raid on the navy's reserve oil supply. At this time, when the Administration is appealing to Congress not to cripple the efficiency of the navy by reducing its personnel below the danger line, inquiry on the Wyoming deal is deemed particularly pertinent.

High naval officers, who have long jealously guarded the navy's oil reserves, are privately expressing their indignation over the move to reverse the national security policy in this respect. Only the ban on naval men talking without the express permission of the Secretary of the Navy prevents some of these officers publicly voicing their feelings.

The Evening World's exposé of the oil deal was read with interest by members of Congress to-day. The storm which is breaking over the matter is centering on Secretary Fall, members of Congress, both Republicans and Democrats, have regarded Fall with some suspicion since his handling of the Mexican oil hearings with a distinct Doherty slant.

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DETROIT WILL BUY TRACTION SYSTEM

City Votes 55,658 to 12,198 to Take Over and Operate All Lines May 15.

DETROIT, April 18.—The city by an overwhelming majority yesterday voted to purchase the city lines of the Detroit United Railways for \$19,850,000, the figure agreed upon between Mayor Couzens and the stockholders.

The special election vote was 55,658 to 12,198. It ended a fight which has been raging nearly thirty years. The city takes over the lines May 15 and the entire system, 366 miles, goes under "municipal ownership."

HOLD OIL RESERVES INTACT, PLEA OF EX-SEC'Y DANIELS

Need for Conservation as Great as in Any Time in Administrations of Taft and Wilson.

By Joseph Daniels Former Secretary of the Navy (Copyright 1922 by the United Press) RALEIGH, N. C., April 18.—I devoted much of my time for eight years to fighting attempts for the exploitation of the naval reserves set apart by Presidents Taft and Wilson. The need for conservation of these reserves is as great now as at any time.

In 1913, the policy of the building none but oil-burning naval ships was adopted and leasing of any of these reserves would be a serious blunder. Application was made to Secretary Payne for leasing, but a few days before the change of Administration, the Navy Department opposed any leasing. The only wise policy is to hold these oil reserves intact.

After a hearing, Secretary Payne declined to approve the application made for the new lease. An investigation will show that the claims urged by most applicants which could not stand the light.

OIL DEVELOPMENT MAY CARRY ON IF PLAN IS HONEST

President Harding Has Full Confidence in Government Agencies in Wyoming Deal.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—President Harding sees no reason why the Teapot Dome, Wyo., Naval Oil Reserve, should not be developed so long as the concern involved "does business honestly." It was said at the White House to-day.

15 FIRES IN BELFAST AND DOZEN HURT

Snipers Active All Night While Incendiaries Keep Whole Department Busy.

BELFAST, April 18.—Fifteen incendiary fires broke out last night in the troubled areas of Belfast. A dozen persons were wounded by snipers while the city's entire fire-fighting forces were battling the various blazes. Sporadic firing continued until early to-day.

GIRL SAYS SHE WAS ATTACKED BY 5 MEN

Irene Gannon, nineteen years old, No. 478 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, told Magistrate Reynolds in a Brooklyn court to-day that she was thrown into the hallway on Park Avenue, gagged and attacked by five men shortly before midnight last night. Irving John Butt, twenty-one, of No. 21 Heyward Street, who was found hiding in the cellar of the building, was taken into custody and held without bail. No other men were caught.

WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR KILLING SISTER COLLAPSES TWICE



Mrs. Renzelman Sobs as Prosecutor and Detective Tell of Her Confession.

A jury of men only to try Mrs. Hermina Renzelman, 30 years old, charged with murdering her sister, Miss Genevieve Wessels, was selected within three hours to-day before Supreme Court Justice Kalisch at Freehold, N. J. The husband with his 14 months old baby in his lap, sat among the spectators.

The alleged murder was committed at the Renzelman home near West Long Branch on Sunday, Jan. 15 last. Mrs. Renzelman broke down twice, once while Prosecutor Charles F. Sexton told of her alleged confession to slaying Miss Wessels, and again when John M. Smith, chief of county detectives, testified that Mrs. Renzelman told him she had killed her sister because Miss Wessels had been intimate with Fred Renzelman, the defendant's husband, in New York.

A recess of 10 minutes was taken following the second outburst, and Mrs. Renzelman was taken from the court room. After she returned she occasionally broke into sobs, crying, "My sister, Oh, my sister."

Prosecutor Sexton told the jury that the murder had been premeditated, but he did not want Mrs. Renzelman sent to the electric chair. In New Jersey a jury may specify in a first degree murder case whether death penalty or life imprisonment shall be exacted.

Detective Smith told of arresting Mrs. Renzelman at her home two days after the murder, which was discovered by her husband, who hurried home in response to a letter sent him by Mrs. Renzelman. The detective said he asked Mrs. Renzelman who was the woman dead on a couch in the room, and she replied, "My sister." He asked her who killed the woman, and testified that Mrs. Renzelman replied, "I did." The detective said he asked Mrs. Renzelman why she had killed her sister, and the woman replied, "Ask my husband."

On the way to the County Jail, the detective said Mrs. Renzelman asked if she could go to the electric chair that night. "I killed my sister, and (Continued on Second Page.)

Bonus Bill to Pass This Session, Senate Republicans Decide

Passes Caucus by Vote of 36 to 9; Also Decide to Push Tariff Bill Through.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Decision to pass a Soldiers' Bonus Bill at this session of Congress was reached to-day by Senate Republicans in party caucus. The vote was 36 to 9 on a motion offered by Senator Lenroot, Republican, Wisconsin. The conference also decided that the Senate should proceed to the consideration of the Administration Tariff Bill on Thursday, "without further delay." The measure will be called up at that time and it was announced the majority membership would make every effort to hold a quorum continuously.

The conference resolution on the bonus, as made public, follows: "It is the sense of this conference that the Senate should at this session pass a Soldiers' Bonus Bill and that the Republican members of the Finance Committee be requested to report such a bill within a reasonable time."

MOTHER AND 2 BABES PERISH IN WADSWORTH TERRACE FIRE; OWNER OF BUILDING IS HELD

Epstein Accused of Homicide in Permitting Premises to Be Occupied Before Lights Were Installed—Tenants Used Kerosene Lamps.

Barnett Epstein of No. 817 West End Avenue, President of the Loring Construction Company of No. 1 West 34th Street, owning the unfinished apartment building at No. 96 Wadsworth Terrace in which Mrs. Laurene Helma and her two children were burned to death early this morning, was held on a homicide charge in Washington Heights Court by Magistrate McQuade in \$10,000 bail. The charge as embodied in an affidavit submitted by Detective Mullans of the West 177th Street Station was based on the statement that Epstein "by an act of palpable negligence did permit the said premises to be occupied before lights were installed causing the tenants to burn candles for lights which resulted in the building catching fire and causing the death of three persons."

Alfred Eckelman, attorney for Epstein, protested in vain against the amount of the bond required. Epstein had to wait in the court prison while a bondsman was sought.

Epstein said that the agents for the building were responsible for the admission of tenants to the building before the Tenement House Department had authorized its occupancy. Charles Nehring of Nehring Bros., the agents, informed The Evening World that they had rented many of the apartments but that in every case the tenant had signed a stipulation agreeing not to occupy the premises until the official certificate was issued that it was fit for occupancy and that the rental payment would not apply until that date. William Abel described by the police as superintendent who has permitted some tenants to live in the building since April 1. Mr. Nehring said, was not employed by the agents and they believed he was merely a night watchman hired by Mr. Epstein. Mr. Nehring said he had no knowledge until to-day that any tenants had been allowed to live in the building, though permission had been given to several to put their furniture in the apartments until they actually moved in.

Mrs. Helma is the daughter of Charles A. Sherwood, manager of the Boston Telegram, and with her two children, Florence, three and Harold Two, lived until yesterday with her father's brother in Brooklyn. She has for some time been separated from her husband Marul Helma, a police (Continued on Second Page.)

MAGISTRATE DROPS DOUBLE STANDARD

Woman Caught in Raid Fined Same as Man in Hoboken Court.

There will be no double standard of morals in this court as long as I am on the bench, declared Magistrate A. C. Carsten, at Hoboken to-day, when Mrs. Maude Nelson, thirty-five, of No. 72 Willow Avenue, Hoboken, and Constantine Paton, officer on a British steamship, were arraigned after having been caught late Sunday night in a vice raid.

Magistrate Carsten fined the man and the woman \$20 each, with the alternative of twenty days in jail. Other raids are being made in an effort to clean up the city. Martin Schmidt, owner of the American Restaurant, at No. 323 Washington Street, Hoboken, was also arraigned and held in \$1,000 bail for the Grand Jury on a charge of conducting a disorderly house. Three young women arrested in the restaurant, were held as material witnesses.

LOCAL WEATHER BUREAU GETS STORM WARNING

The following advisory message from Washington was received at the local office of the Weather Bureau this morning: "Severe storm warning continued at and north of Cape Henry, Strong southwest, shifting to Northwest winds, disturbance of considerable intensity over Quebec moving eastward."

KISSES HIS WIFE GOODBY, SHOTS HER, ENDS OWN LIFE

Mullers Had Met in Vain Effort to Make Up After Four Years' Separation.

QUARRELLED IN SUBWAY

Letter in His Pocket Shows He Had Prepared for Murder and Suicide.

Frank Muller, twenty-eight years old, of No. 141 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, shot his wife, Elsie, twenty-four, in the mouth and committed suicide at 3:15 A. M. to-day on the uptown platform of the subway at Broadway and 79th Street.

At Roosevelt Hospital, where Mrs. Muller was taken, it was said to-day she is in no immediate danger and will recover if no complications set in. It was said that the bullet passed through her left cheek and came out on the right side of her face.

The couple had been separated for about four years, the police learned, and she had been living at No. 2336 Church Avenue, Brooklyn. Her condition is such she could not be questioned at length, but she told detectives she met her husband by appointment last night to talk over their troubles.

They went to a hotel in the lower 30's and the conference broke up early to-day in another quarrel. They left the hotel and walked to 42d Street, still quarrelling. Why they took the uptown subway she could not explain.

On the train the altercation attracted so much notice she left at the 79th Street station. He got off with her, carrying a suitcase.

He talked to her until the passengers who had left the train had disappeared up the stairs and then said: "Now, when this is all over, you tell the police what it was all about."

Puzzled, she said she asked him what he meant, and he replied: "Never mind, dear, kiss me good-bye."

As she kissed him a train rolled in on the opposite platform, and before his rumble had stopped he drew a revolver from his pocket and shot her. She fell and he put the weapon to the right side of his head, and when the train across the way had started again fired. Neither shot made much noise, because he had waited so the reports would be drowned by the train.

The young woman, seeing him fall, struggled to her feet and ran up the stairs to the street. Passengers on the downtown side who had seen Muller shoot himself had run up in time to catch her as she collapsed. Policemen Klinger and Walker of the West 68th Street Station heard her (Continued on Second Page.)

SWARMS OF RATS EAT EVIDENCE AND JUDGE'S SILK HAT

Montreal Court Now Has Official Catcher After Cats and Dogs Fail.

MONTREAL, April 18.—To save legal records from destruction, an official rat catcher has been appointed for the Montreal Court House.

Official stenographers had their notes eaten. A judge lost his gown and silk hat. Bails involving valuable property were delayed through loss of records. Finally, when "Exhibit A" in a murder trial was eaten, and the prisoner had to be liberated, the authorities took action. Cats introduced at first worried with similar results. Finally the rat catcher was installed. Poison has diminished the rodent hosts and the consumption of notebooks, evidence, exhibits and silk hats has fallen off.

ALLIES PROHIBIT GERMANY FROM SHARING ANY FURTHER IN NEGOTIATIONS ON RUSSIA

Lloyd George in Fear of Break-Up Fights to Keep All Powers at Genoa, but France Decides to Quit If Secret Agreement Stands.

GENOA, April 18 (Associated Press).—The allies have decided that Germany, having effected her own arrangement with Russia in the treaty signed Sunday at Rapallo, is debarred from further participation in the discussion of the conditions of agreement between Russia and the various other countries represented at the economic conference.

GENOA, April 18 (United Press).—Premier Lloyd George struggled this afternoon to prevent the crisis created by announcement of the Russo-German Treaty, from wrecking the Genoa Conference. He was reported to be urging a practical handling of the matter.

Louis Barthou, head of the French delegation, stood for forcing Russia and Germany to annul the agreement signed at Rapallo on Sunday. If this was not done, the French said, they would be inclined to withdraw from Genoa.

PASTOR INVITES YOUNG FOLK TO SPARK IN CHURCH

Reserves Two Rows of Pews and Urges Couples to Spoon at Service.

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—The Rev. Dr. C. A. French, pastor of the Central Christian Church, has reserved the two back rows of his church for young folk and invites them to attend service and "spark."

"If our younger generation is going to spark," said Dr. French, "it is better that they do it in church than in motor cars along country roads where their elders have no means of knowing what they do. I hope to see the back rows filled at next Sunday's service."

ALL JAZZ IS BARRED BY SAVANNAH CITY

Council Prohibits "Indecent" Dance on Stage and in Homes, on Women's Urging

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 18 (Copyright).—The Savannah City Council has just passed an ordinance barring jazz from the stage, from all public dances and presumably from all homes.

The new law declares "jazz" to be "indecent and injurious to public morals," and fixes a penalty of \$100 fine or thirty days in jail for those who participate in the barred dance or those who permit it.

Alderman A. J. Garfunkel, father of the anti-jazz movement, introduced the ordinance ten days ago. So great was the interest that Mayor Stewart decided to hold a special meeting of the council and to invite "all comers" to discuss the measure. The women turned out in force, against jazz "to a man." They met every one who entered City Hall during the meeting and pinned on coats and shirtswaits a tag reading "Down with Jazz."

No other city is known to have a similar measure, and now that Savannah has it the City Fathers are looking for some one to define jazz definitely.

Taxi Driver Killed When Machine Hit by Train at Meriden, Conn. CAMDEN, N. J., April 18.—Edward Cummings, twenty-five, a taxi driver, was killed when his machine was hit by a train at all downtown Meriden yesterday. No arrest was made.

TREATY MUST GO; ALLIES THREATEN TO OUST SIGNERS

Note to Germans and Russians to Warn Them They Must Not Go on With Plans.

PARIS, April 18 (Associated Press).—A Havre despatch from Genoa this afternoon says the Allies are drafting a note to the Germans and Russians notifying them it will be impossible for the Germans and Russians to continue to participate in the sessions of the Russian Affairs Commission of the conference if they persist in maintaining the Russo-German treaty.

A high official of the Government declared this afternoon there was no possibility of continuing the discussions at Genoa unless the Russo-German treaty were cancelled. Even if it were annulled, he declared, the moral effect would remain of two