



WIFE AGAIN MAY SAVE GEN. SICKLES



STANTON SICKLES. He arranged conference between parents after meeting with father. (Copyright American Press Association.)

Insists Housekeeper Must Go Before She Acts to Keep Old Soldier from Disgrace of Arrest.

GENERAL TO SEE HERTO-DAY

Controller Sohmer Starts Subscription to Make Good Veteran's Shortage to State—Hero's Son Raps Sheriff in Sarcastic Interview.

Stanton Sickles took his mother's ultimatum yesterday to his father, Daniel E. Sickles, at the general's Fifth avenue house—i. e., the complete withdrawal of Miss Eleanor Earle Wilmerding, the general's housekeeper for fifteen years, or to Ludlow street jail and face Attorney General Carmody's suit for the return of the \$23,476 shortage in his accountings with the state in connection with the Monument Fund Commission, of which he is chairman. Stanton returned to his mother with the news that the general wanted to see Mrs. Sickles this morning.

This much Stanton told the newspaper men at the Hotel Albert last evening. "It's all I can say. You can draw your own conclusions," he said as he ended the interview.

The conclusions are that the withdrawal of Miss Wilmerding will settle the marital difficulties between the general and herself so far as she is concerned, and also that Mrs. Sickles is prepared and willing to settle the balance of the general's indebtedness to the state. It is inferred that she is willing to go on her husband's bond for \$30,000 until she can pay the Attorney General's claim after certain Spanish estates of her mother are settled.

"Miss Wilmerding Must Go."

"My mother is willing to go to live with my father, but—that woman must get out," Stanton said with a gesture denoting a somewhat forcible ejection. "My mother already holds a second mortgage of \$10,000 on my father's house, and she is perfectly able to bid for its possession at a foreclosure sale. My father knows this. He realizes now that he is perfectly helpless you see. He believes Sheriff Harburger can serve a warrant on him at any time, and my father has no intention of resisting arrest."

State Controller Sohmer called up Sheriff Harburger on the telephone from Albany yesterday and said he had a proposition that would extricate General Sickles from his troubles. Briefly outlined, Mr. Sohmer's plan was to start a contribution list going around the country, and he would head it with a subscription for \$100. Sheriff Harburger, who has at all times professed great sympathy for General Sickles, fell right in with the idea, and told Mr. Sohmer to put him down for another \$100.

The Controller said he thought in view of General Sickles' heroic services to his country it would be an act of ingratitude on the part of the citizens of the nation if they permitted the gallant old soldier to go to jail in his last years. Last night Sheriff Harburger, brimming over with enthusiasm, said he intended to organize the subscription movement, and officers would be named in a few days.

Reports of this were borne to the Sickles' house last evening by newspaper men, but the old negro at the door, after assuring the inquirers that the "g'nral hadn't heard nuthin' about it at all," declined to act as the bearer of any such tidings to his master. General Sickles, it was learned yesterday,

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This Morning's News

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BENSEL LEADS "COKE" RAIDERS

Sanitary Superintendent, with Detectives, Swoops Down on Restaurants—Patrons in Panic.

"COCAINE KING" IN BED

Forty Ounces of Heroin and Morphine Seized in Room in Seventh Avenue—Woman Gives Valuable Information.

The Tribune's recent exposé of the promiscuous sale of cocaine, morphine, heroin and other habit-forming drugs resulted yesterday morning in several raids in the Tenderloin. In one place the raiders, who were led by Dr. Walter Bensel, sanitary superintendent of the city, seized forty ounces of heroin and morphine and a large quantity of hypodermic needles. These raids are the first of a series Dr. Bensel will conduct.

Big crowds watched the raiders at work, and in one case, when fourteen plainclothes men under Detective Sergeant Owen J. Keegan, of Inspector Lahey's staff, swooped down on two cheap restaurants in Seventh avenue, near 37th street, the uniformed police had to come to their rescue and drive back the crowds, who thought the customers in the restaurants were being held up by a bold gang of highwaymen.

But even the presence of the uniformed men did not allay the feelings of the cocaine victims who were eating in the two restaurants, for in their highly nervous condition they thought Dr. Bensel and the men with him hold-up men, and one of them threw a roll of money behind a counter. One of the plainclothes men picked it up and handed it back to the "dope fiend," saying:

Reassured by Patrolman.

"No one's going to stick you up. Just keep quiet."

But this, instead of reassuring the "dope fiends," only frightened them more, and in their disordered minds they began to fear something even worse than being robbed. It was in rooms over these restaurants that the heroin and morphine were discovered.

It was after 3 o'clock in the morning when the raids on the two restaurants were made, and as Dr. Bensel and the detectives rushed up the stairs Mrs. Margaret Maloney, who rents furnished rooms, thought the invaders were burglars, and began to cry:

"Oh, my diamonds! My diamonds!"

She seemed much relieved when the police showed her their shields, and she made no objection when one of them, Detective Cleary, by means of a key he had made, opened the door leading to the rooms of one of her lodgers, and who is known as the "Cocaine King." He was in bed, and a search failed to reveal a trace of the drug, but in a room adjoining, Hugh Masterson, who is assisting Dr. Bensel in his efforts to rid the town of "dope" sellers, found the twenty-four ounces of morphine and sixteen ounces of heroin.

Two empty tin cans, which Masterson said had held cocaine, were found in the room. Only three nights ago, according to Masterson, he obtained information from one of the twenty-five boys employed by the "Cocaine King" to sell the "white stuff" to users of it in the street that several pounds of cocaine were always kept in the tin cans.

It is believed the drug was emptied into a drain as the detectives, under Dr. Bensel, ratted the stairs.

Alleged Seller Arrested.

One theory for the failure of the raiders to find any cocaine was advanced by Detective David Kuhn. He is of the opinion that no cocaine has been in the house since Wednesday, for about midnight on Wednesday he arrested James Courtney in the hallway of No. 403 Seventh avenue, after he saw him sell a package of cocaine to a man in front of one of the restaurants. Kuhn found twenty packages of cocaine, or "decks," as the cocaine "fiends" call them, in Courtney's pockets, and on Saturday, after a chemical analysis had established the nature of the drug, Magistrate McQuade, in the West Side court, held Courtney in \$1,000 bail for trial.

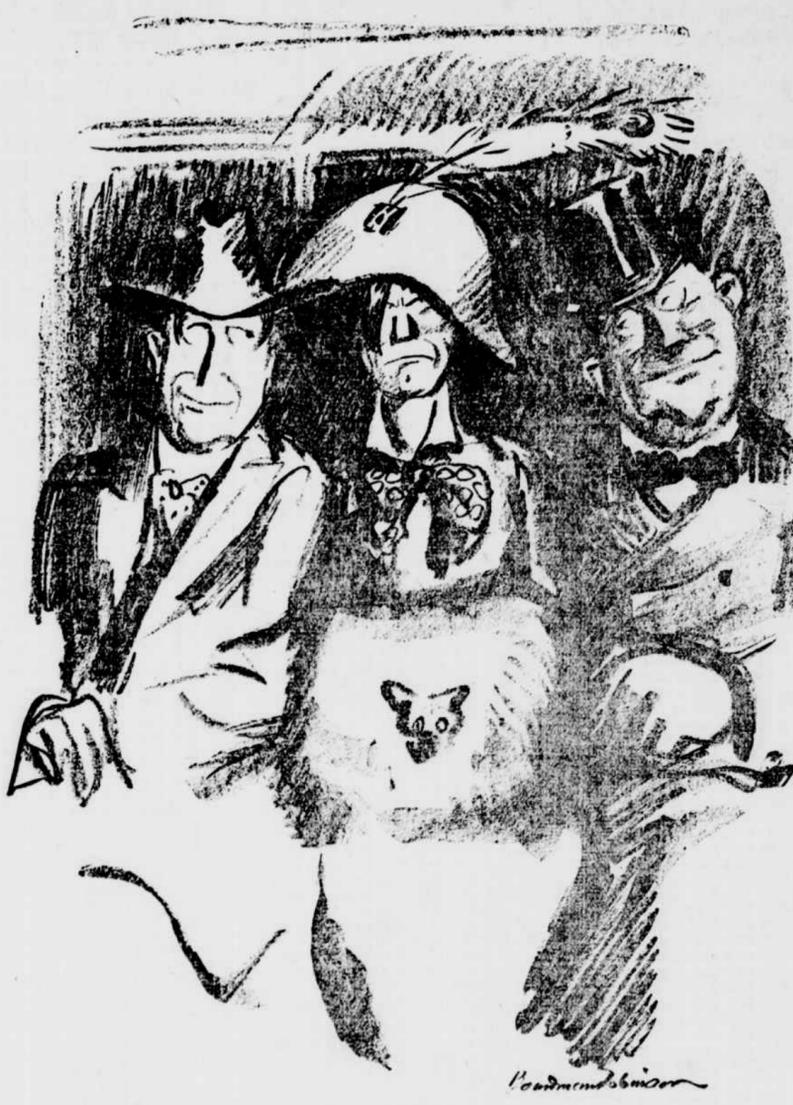
Kuhn believes that this arrest frightened the "Cocaine King" and that he then decided to keep the drug outside of the house where he lives, fearing the trail would soon lead to him. It is no crime under the present law to have morphine or heroin in one's possession, so he had no fear of having these drugs around the premises.

Three other places in the neighborhood were later visited, but Dr. Bensel and his raiders found neither the men they sought nor the drugs they sell to the "dope fiends."

Dr. Bensel, who feels certain he can rid the city of the venders of the habit-forming drugs if he can obtain the necessary appropriation from the Board of Estimate, after the raids went to the West 37th street station to interview May Clark, who had been arrested just before the raids began by Detective Shaw, one of the raiding party. The woman had a morphine outfit on her and a package of white stuff, believed to be cocaine. She and Dr. Ben-

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THE SUBWAY MASHERS



SULZER—"I could be happy with either, were t'other dear charmer away."

BALKAN ALLIES TO CALL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS OFF

Note To Be Prepared by Delegates in London Explaining Why Step Is Necessary.

OBJECT IS TO GAIN TIME

One Danger of Resumption of War Is That Rumania May Advance Against Bulgaria from Rear.

London, Jan. 27.—The Balkan plenipotentiaries, who have received full powers from their respective governments, appointed a committee yesterday to draft a note to the Turkish plenipotentiaries explaining why the peace conference must now be considered broken off. The draft will be ready to-night for the approval of the full delegation.

This action of the allies is part of a series of well considered forms of pressure by which the Balkan delegates hope to obtain their object without resuming the war.

The meeting yesterday lasted for an hour and a half, and the course to be followed received earnest consideration. Two distinct views were manifested—one for the immediate rupture of the negotiations, leading to a resumption of the war, and the other favoring a temporizing policy, in order to avoid irrevocable steps. The latter course triumphed and a committee was appointed, consisting of one member from each delegation, as follows:

Michael Madjaroff, Bulgarian Minister in London; Professor Georgios Street, Greek Minister to Austria-Hungary; Count Vaynovich, chief of King Nicholas's Cabinet, representing Montenegro, and Dr. M. H. Vesnich, Serbian Minister to France, with the addition of M. Politis, of the Greek delegation, owing to his knowledge of French and his thorough acquaintance with international law.

That it is the policy of the allies to gain time is patent and does not deceive anybody. The delegates decided that the advantages to be derived from the resumption of hostilities would be in proportion to the risks they ran, and that they would not take that step unless they realized that even a partial reverse would have grave moral and material consequences, apart from the loss of thousands of men.

In addition, the fact is not overlooked that there is danger of Rumania advancing from the rear and of Austria imposing on Serbia and Montenegro her conditions for remaining neutral. The only disadvantage in delaying decisive action is in keeping large armies inactive and on a war footing for a long time, thus heavily taxing both the financial and agricultural resources of the countries.

The Constantinople correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph" learns that a contract has been signed under

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Vaudeville Actress Has "Seer" Who Would Wed Her Put Into Cell.

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WAITERS MAY GO BACK IN 48 HOURS

I. W. W. Leaders Lose Enthusiasm After Executive Session and Decide to End Strike.

MEN VOTE ON PLAN TO-DAY

Near Riot at Meeting When Men Are Being Urged to Return to Work—Modified Demands To Be Submitted To-day.

The leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World said last night they would make determined efforts to end the waiters' strike to-day. Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who has more influence with the strikers than any other of their guiding spirits, declared informally that the strike would be settled within forty-eight hours.

Patrick Quinlan, another of the strike leaders, announced after a meeting of the executive committee of the Industrial Workers of the World last night that modified demands would be submitted to-day to all the big hotels individually, and that the men would be advised to return to work at the places affected.

In all likelihood these specific intentions of the leaders will meet with great opposition. When it was suggested to the strikers at a mass meeting yesterday that they would do well to go back to their jobs the waiters grew threatening, and emphatically asserted that, leaders or no leaders, they would not return. A further element of trouble was the attitude taken by managers of many of the large hotels, who announced with positiveness that they would not recognize the union.

Strikers to Vote To-day.

The situation became so delicate that the Industrial Workers' leaders and union officials spent several hours in conference. They finally decided to submit the question of ending the strike at a meeting of waiters to be held at Bryant Hall to-day.

During the evening a captain of waiters in the Ritz-Carlton was attacked and severely beaten by strike pickets outside that hotel, two of whom were arrested, and all the employees in Gonfalone's and the Hofbrau Haus, 81st street and Broadway, had struck. From each place the employees gathered and marched to their strike headquarters, at No. 72 West 39th street.

Miss Flynn, just after the Bryant Hall meeting, said that what she and her fellow leaders sought was standardization among the hotel workers. "Of course, I cannot speak officially," she said, "but I think that the strike will be settled within forty-eight hours. This strike has been for the purpose, largely, of bringing together all the employees and doing away with their former petty jealousies. The next time that a strike takes place the workers will be solidly united and their demands will be one." She then explained that a settlement meant a return to work under the old conditions, but that the waiters will strike soon again, as soon as an organization has been effected and better feeling has been achieved.

Managers Won't Listen to Demands.

Although practically every hotel of importance has been affected by the strike, there have been none with closed doors. Manager Brown, of the new Vanderbilt, echoing the sentiments of most of the other hotel managers, declared that they were able to serve their patrons and that they would in no way listen to any demands from the union. Manager Boomer of the McAlpin said that he was running his three dining rooms, although he had lost nearly two hundred waiters. Manager Stewart of the Waldorf said that the strike had "not made a dent." At Rector's it was said that the waiters were still "out," but with the captains acting as waiters, the bell boys as omnibuses, and the chambermaids as dish washers, they were still able to serve.

At both the Knickerbocker and the St. Regis it was announced that they were experiencing no trouble. Manager Regan of the Knickerbocker, whose special policemen were arrested upon Commissioner Waldo's order on Saturday night, had his "specials" back again, but inside the hotel. He declared with great emphasis that his men had announced their determination to sue Commissioner Waldo for false arrest. Mr. Regan was still bitter against the Police Commissioner. Patrick Quinlan, one of the Industrial Workers of the World leaders, yesterday declared that Mr. Regan had precipitated the strike "by his hasty and ill advised actions." Mr. Quinlan said that he was sorry that so many other hotels had been drawn into the maelstrom.

In the evening the executive committee—Quinlan, Miss Flynn and Carlo Treves, all of the Industrial Workers of the World—went into session, declaring that they would continue in session until this morning. Aside from discussing the questions in detail, they intended to draw up a list of modified demands, which would be told to the strikers at to-day's meeting. It was when the leaders had been in session about two hours that the two hundred employees marched in from the uptown Hofbrau House. When they learned that the executive committee was discussing the possibility of sending them back to work they protested with much vigor, and openly declared that they