

SCHWAB, FOILED IN WAR DEAL, SMILES

Predicts Big Prosperity for U. S.—Steel Contracts Cancelled.

917 ON LUSITANIA, CHRISTMAS SHIP

Dr. Derby and Wife Return from Hospital Work in France—Christmas Letters Arrive.

Although she had fought her way across the Atlantic through what Captain Dow described as the worst weather of the year, the Cunard liner Lusitania came in yesterday from Liverpool only about five hours behind her average running time.

The vessel, which is the last of the big liners to arrive here before Christmas, had 4,300 sacks of mail.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, who went over on the Lusitania on her last eastward trip and cancelled about \$25,000,000 worth of contracts for submarines, because this government did not approve of the enterprise, returned yesterday apparently satisfied with the enforced loss of business.

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years, confessed to being seasick. Ordinarily a good sailor, he said that the weather was so tempestuous that he succumbed to seasickness soon after the Lusitania plunged into the first of a series of gales. Mr. Schwab was not alone in his misfortune, as many of the travellers did not appear in the dining saloon until yesterday forenoon.

Schwab Lauds Rate Increase.

He refused to say the amount of money involved in the cancelled contracts, but admitted that a guess at a price of not less than \$15,000,000 and not more than \$25,000,000 might not be far off.

Although the 5 per cent increase of freight rates recently allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission will mean a loss of thousands of dollars to the Bethlehem Steel Company, Mr. Schwab said he heartily approved of the government's act.

It will mean a certain loss to my company," he said. "Nevertheless, I approve. The railroads were operating under a great expense, and the plea for increase was reasonable. It will all work out right in the long run because this nation is destined for a tremendous prosperity. I said so before and repeat now that it will come with force and continuity a good ten or twelve years." The one great problem attending it, however, Mr. Schwab said, would be the task of handling overland the great cargoes that are to be placed in Europe.

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Among the Lusitania's passengers were Mrs. E. B. Brown, of the Fore River Ship Building Company, expressed much interest in the report that Admiral von Tirpitz, Germany's war lord, had threatened to attack all merchant shipping of the enemy by submarines and eventually starve out England.

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Mrs. Derby Much Improved.

Mrs. Derby was not as ill as had been reported abroad. She had been in splendid health and spirits, notwithstanding the hard work she had been doing in the hospital.

It was reported that the young woman had become alarmed when her husband went out to the firing line to attend the wounded, and had not been heard from for several days.

Dr. Derby said his experience had greatly increased his respect for the French people as soldiers and for their organization and care of the wounded.

The great success of the American Ambulance Hospital, which has 600 beds, he said was largely due to the splendid management of Dr. Joseph Blake.

Edward Weinacht, general manager of the foreign department of the Adams Express Company, who has been abroad since June, said he believed the Austrians were defeated already, and that the Hungarians are fighting with only half interest.

Among others on board were Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, H. Cunliffe Owen, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Arbuthnot, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Alexander, Alexander Vladimir Behr, Mrs. W. A. Burton, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Chen, Mrs. Mary Dove-Freely, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Le Faivre, Mrs. Walter Hines Page and Mrs. J. J. Townsend.

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ACTRESS'S LAWYER ACCUSES JEROME

Plot to Crush Steuer, He Alleges, in Address to the Jury.

ATTORNEY SIFTS PERJURY CHARGE

Woman Victim of Fight Between Legal Enemies, Is Allegation—She Is Ill in Court.

That a conspiracy between Abraham L. Erlanger and William Travers Jerome, former District Attorney, to crush Max D. Steuer, an attorney, responsible for the prosecution of Edith St. Clair on a charge of perjury, was charged yesterday by Alfred Frankenthaler, Miss St. Clair's counsel, in his opening address to the jury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court.

"Edith St. Clair was driven into signing those affidavits while in such a condition that she did not know what she was doing," he said. "They did not force her at the point of a gun, but they had done so. This is a fight between Erlanger and Steuer and that poor girl is being ground between two stones—a theatrical magnate and a powerful, influential lawyer. It is persecution, not prosecution."

During the entire afternoon session, while her counsel was making his opening address to the jury, Miss St. Clair reclined in the arms of a woman friend, who has been her constant companion since the trial began.

Several years ago Miss St. Clair was a judgment creditor against Jerome for salary due her under a life contract, according to her testimony.

Mr. Frankenthaler said that Miss St. Clair returned to this city looking for work, January, 1913, and first applied to a Mr. Myer, who has offices in the Knickerbocker Building. He sent her to another theatrical manager, a Mr. Kieley, who, in turn, arranged an interview for her with Mr. Erlanger.

"But, when her act was already to be tried out at an uptown theatre, she sent to get her costumes and she was directed to Mr. Erlanger's office by a personal lawyer," said Mr. Frankenthaler. "And Mr. Fischel sent her to Mr. Jerome to get her costumes."

Mr. Frankenthaler then turned his attack on Erlanger, District Attorney Manley. The latter, he said, had engaged her with prosecution if she recanted her affidavit charging Steuer with subornation of perjury.

"In my presence," said Mr. Frankenthaler, "Mr. Manley told her that, if she stuck to her affidavit she would be granted immunity and if she changed the District Attorney would be bound to think that she was guilty of perjury."

"We will prove," he continued, "that the affidavit she signed was not knowingly or wilfully false, and that the representatives of Erlanger said to her, 'Come to us and we will give you money to help us in the purpose of our life to land Steuer and we will take care of you.'"

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Washington, Dec. 23.—Patronage insurgents of the Senate stood pat today and will wait for the President to make the next move.

Some of the candidates who were designated by Representative Palmer, the dispenser of Pennsylvania patronage, were appointed under peculiar circumstances.

GHOULS RAID CEMETERY

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South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 23.—Ghouls raided Riverside Cemetery here last night. They visited the cemetery in a large motor van and broke through the massive iron gates of the receiving vault, as well as several of the larger cryptic mausoleums.

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NO SULLIVAN PROBE REIN

Bryan Gives Minister's Investigator Full Power.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Bryan made public today his letter of instructions to Senator-elect James D. Phelan, of California, who has been chosen to investigate the charges preferred by Walter W. Vick against James M. Sullivan, American Minister to the Dominican Republic.

Phelan is to hold public hearings at such places as he may designate. The general belief is that they will be held in Washington.

Having, with the President's approval, asked you to take up and investigate the charges which have been made against James M. Sullivan, American Minister to Santo Domingo, by Walter W. Vick, of New Jersey, a former receiver of customs at Santo Domingo, and having received your verbal consent to do so, I now write to request that you begin the investigation at your earliest convenience and report your findings and opinion as soon as you have satisfied yourself as to the facts.

MOTHER, DYING, SEEKS LOST SISTER

Police Hunting for Real Stenographer and Real Estate Man.

Police Chief Wolf, of Yonkers, received a letter yesterday from Miss M. E. Haas, of 13 Providence Road, Albany, asking him to search for her sister, Miss Emily Haas, twenty-seven years of age, recently acting as private secretary to Michael J. Walsh, Deputy State Controller.

The police of Yonkers also are asked to look for Chester Snyder. Up to a few months ago he was in business in Yonkers. He is about thirty years old and has a wife, with whom he does not live. The wife lives with Snyder's mother, at 290 Warburton av.

DETECTIVE ACCUSES HIS FELLOW SLEUTH

Says Companion in Blackmail Case Put Marked Bills in His Pocket.

Detective Ludgido Gambaralla yesterday turned state's evidence against his fellow sleuth, Damico, at the slough's trial in General Sessions on a charge of attempted extortion preferred by Dominick Muccio, a restaurant keeper at 291 Grand st.

Gambaralla said that he and Damico were in the restaurant last evening when Damico came out to where I was standing. Then Damico took my hand in his pocket and found a roll of bills.

When the Curran Alderman Committee was in session Gambaralla was called as a witness to testify as to his relations with several criminals. He was not allowed to take the stand, however, and the case against him was dropped.

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Banker Accused in Row

Arrested in Restaurant, and Is Freed with Warning.

A man who said he is Courtney Bradstreet, a banker, thirty-five years old, of 55 West 44th st., and Columbia "Tinelli, head waiter" in Bradstreet's Restaurant, were in the men's night court last night on counter charges of assault.

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