

Jury Adjourns For 2 Weeks With a Laugh

Extraordinary Panel Dines Foreman Almirall and Sings Songs Poking Fun at Mayor Hylan and Swann

Proskauer May Quit

Special Counsel Will Not Accept Unless He Can Conduct Independent Inquiry

After agreeing yesterday afternoon to take a recess of two weeks, beginning to-day, members of the extraordinary grand jury dined Raymond F. Almirall, their foreman, at the Hotel Imperial last night. After cigars and coffee they sang some songs.

The dinner was given, according to the printed programs, "in appreciation of the earnest, resolute and devoted services" of Mr. Almirall. Clinton T. Brainard was toastmaster. Here is one of the songs the diners sang:

Hi, diddle, diddle,
The Mayor and the fiddle,
The Swann flew over the moon;
The Governor laughed
To see such craft,
But dooing ran off with the spoon.

Here's another:
The little Commissioner
Hadn't a mission or
Anything else to do,
So he packed up his bag
And ran off with the swag,
And he telephoned Hearst he was through.

Battle Is Satirized

George Gordon Battle's short-lived incumbency of the post of special adviser to the grand jury was satirized in a paraphrased version of Julia Ward Howe's masterpiece, entitled "The Battle Hymn of Manhattan."

"Since in friendship's garland, both my hands are tied and stayed,
"I'll not go marching on," were the concluding lines.

The "black sheep" replied to the old question of whether they had any wool with a new answer:

Three bags full,
One is for Smith,
And one for O'Malley,
And one for the ragged man
That lives down the alley.

The entire membership of the grand jury was present at the dinner.

The jury adjourned for two weeks after yesterday's session, leaving its controversy with District Attorney Swann and Mr. Swann's differences with Joseph M. Proskauer, designated by the Governor as special legal adviser to the panel, at a standstill.

In a letter dispatched to Governor Smith at Albany yesterday Mr. Swann stated that under the law he could not give Mr. Proskauer "independent control" of the inquiry the lawyer demands before he will accept his designation as special assistant district attorney.

Mr. Proskauer's views on the conduct of the inquiry coincide with those of the grand jury, correspondence indicated.

Mr. Swann declared the suggestion that the quest of corruption in public office might lead into his office was an afterthought prompted by the jury's desire to get rid of him. He called attention to the fact that as a constitutional officer he could not give Mr. Proskauer the right to "organize a staff of assistants to be appointed on his (Mr. Proskauer's) nomination."

"I have not the power to delegate any of the powers vested in me," Mr. Swann wrote.

The talk of an "overshadowing

crime," he declared, meant nothing, although should a specific charge of crime, based on evidence, be made against any one in his office, he offered to turn the inquiry into such charges over to the Attorney General, whose services the jury unsuccessfully sought.

Until such specific charge is made, the District Attorney announced, he would continue to perform all duties imposed upon him by the law.

Mr. Swann sent a copy of his letter to Governor Smith, to Mr. Proskauer, informing the lawyer that it stated his (Swann's) position fully. This was the District Attorney's reply to both written and oral requests made of him by Mr. Proskauer for assurances that a special staff of assistants would be provided if he undertook direction of the inquiry.

Mr. Proskauer said he was considering the situation. His acceptance, unless Mr. Swann alters his stand, is considered doubtful. It was reported that Mr. Proskauer had put the situation up to Governor Smith, who is expected to move next.

In reply to Mr. Swann's insistence that there was no more work for the jury and it should be discharged, Mr. Almirall defended the jury's work and said its inquiry would take time.

The jury gave a testimonial dinner to Mr. Almirall at the Imperial Hotel last night.

Dead Girl's Mother Faints at Trial of Harry S. New

Mrs. Lesser Testifies Defendant Always Had Been Kind to Freda and Self; Had 'Every Confidence in Him'

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Alice Lesser, mother of Freda Lesser whom Harry S. New is charged with killing, to-day told a jury the story of her daughter's affair with the man who claims to be the son of the United States Senator from Indiana. Mrs. Lesser testified between intervals of hysteria. She was the second witness to appear before the jury which was sworn in to-day after the state and the defense had refused to permit women to pass the peremptory challenges.

Mrs. Lesser was escorted to the court room from her home by county detectives. As she neared the trial room she fainted. When she was revived her screams penetrated the court room and several other women became hysterical. Judge Crane ordered recess till quiet restored.

Mrs. Lesser testified that her daughter was twenty years old and had been courted for some months by New, who had been a fellow employe in a Los Angeles business house.

Two days before the alleged murder, Mrs. Lesser said, New told her he wished to marry her daughter and she, her daughter and a neighbor woman and New went on an automobile that afternoon. New and Miss Lesser drove away again, and that was the last Mrs. Lesser saw of her daughter, she said.

"He seemed to love her, and I know she loved him," said Mrs. Lesser. "He said he would bring her back to me, but he never did."

Under cross-examination by Le-compte Davis, who with Jud R. Rush and John L. Richardson is defending New, Mrs. Lesser said New always had been kind to her daughter and also had been considerate of the witness.

"I never saw a nicer young man," she said. "I had every confidence in him."

It is the theory of the prosecution that New killed his sweetheart in Topanga Canyon, a few miles from here, in a burst of anger because of her refusal to marry him.

Public Holds \$276,410,000 Of I.R.T. Bonds

Holdings of All Companies in System Affiliated With Interborough Put at \$555,191,712 in Report

Are Held by 52,730

Women, Churches, Colleges and Libraries Are Listed Among the Investors

Frank Hedley, president and general manager of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, announced the distribution of the chief investment securities of the company last night. The par value of the outstanding I. R. T. securities in the hands of the public exceeds \$276,410,000, according to Mr. Hedley. They are held by more than 52,730 persons. The total holdings of all the companies which make up the system affiliated with the Interborough, amount to \$555,191,712, distributed among 52,730 holders.

The statement issued by Mr. Hedley follows:

"The first announcement of the distribution of the chief investment securities of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the 5 per cent bonds, the 4 1/2 per cent bonds and the 7 per cent notes, is hereby made public. It is based upon a compilation just completed. The figures following cover Interborough Rapid Transit Company securities only and not the securities of the system of which other companies are a part, such as the Manhattan Elevated Railway or surface lines.

"The total of these securities outstanding in the hands of the public amounts in par value to \$276,410,000, of which data is available as to the distribution of \$273,750,000. The location of the remaining amount is not known.

"The compilation shows that these securities are held by 52,730 persons, of whom 19,735 are women. The average amount of the securities to the single owner is \$7,788 par value.

"Among the owners are 547 churches, colleges, libraries and similar institutions; 2,074 banks and trust companies and 147 insurance companies.

"Trustees and representatives of various estates to the number of 2,034 are owners of these securities, whereas the number holders among brokers, miscellaneous firms and corporations is 737.

"The detailed figures for these three items, the most important in the securities of the Interborough, especially as related to its present financial condition, are the following:

Description	Amount
Interborough Rapid Transit Company first and refunding 5 per cent bonds	\$169,585,000
Interborough Rapid Transit Company 7 per cent gold notes	\$9,000,000
Interborough Metropolitan Elevated Trust 4 1/2 per cent bonds	67,825,000
\$169,585,000 in 5 Per Cent Bonds	

"Of the foregoing the largest item is the first and refunding 5 per cent bonds amounting to \$169,585,000. Of this issue data are available as to the distribution of \$155,414,000. These data show that these bonds are held by 18,963 owners with an average ownership per holder of \$8,195.

"The distribution of the 5 per cent bonds is as follows:

Number of holders	Amount
Men	\$42,376,000
Women	28,038,000
Estates, trustees, etc.	16,392,000
Brokers, miscellaneous firms and corporations	7,277,000
Insurance companies	15,696,000
Banks and trust companies	38,388,000
Churches, colleges, universities, library funds, etc.	8,287,000

"Of the Interborough Rapid Transit

three-year 7 per cent gold notes, there are outstanding \$39,000,000 on which data is available as to the location of \$37,800,000 held by 7,823 owners, with an average holding of \$5,162 par value. The total distribution is as follows:

Number of holders	Amount
Men	\$10,789,000
Women	4,026,500
Estates, trustees, etc.	865,100
Brokers, miscellaneous firms and corporations	175
Insurance companies	28
Banks and trust companies	767
Churches, colleges, universities, library funds, etc.	44

6,295 Hold \$60,542,000 Bonds

"The last item is the Interborough Metropolitan collateral trust 4 1/2 per cent bonds (Interborough Rapid Transit Company stock converted into these bonds), amounting to \$67,825,000. Of these the distribution is known of \$60,542,000, which was owned by 6,295 holders, with an average amount per holder of \$9,617. The total distribution is as follows:

Number of holders	Amount
Men	\$31,481,000
Women	13,638,000
Estates, trustees, etc.	417
Brokers, firms, etc.	119
Insurance companies	18
Banks and trust companies	211
Churches, colleges, etc.	37

"The compilation of similar data for all the companies which go to make up the affiliated system shows the following:

"The total holdings as issued are \$555,191,712, of which the distribution of \$481,203,775 is known. These securities are held by 52,730 persons, of whom 17,053 are women, and the average holding \$9,125 par value. They are owned by 872 churches, colleges, libraries and the like, 3,883 banks and trust companies and 319 insurance companies. Trustees and representatives of known estates to the number of 4,389 are owners of these securities, whereas the total number of holders among brokers, miscellaneous firms and corporations is 1,889."

Invested \$33,500, She Says, Got \$636 Back; Sues Broker

Syracuse Woman, 73, Alleges New Yorker, Representing Himself as Niece's Fiance, Got Securities

Sheriff Knott received a writ of attachment yesterday issued in Syracuse by Justice Crouch, of the Supreme Court, against the property of Robert Morris in an action brought by Mrs. Jennie Nixon, of Syracuse, who is suing for the return of securities and money she says she intrusted to Morris.

Mrs. Nixon alleged that, between May 1 and July 14 last, Morris told her he was engaged to marry her niece in New York. She says she said he was a broker and financier at 61 Broadway, had more than \$1,000,000 stock in the Hotel Lorraine and the Commonwealth Hotel Company.

All of this, it is alleged, was preliminary to a suggestion by Morris to Mrs. Nixon that it was a "crime and shame" that she should invest her money in Liberty bonds, mortgages and stocks that brought her only small returns. Mrs. Nixon says she suggested that if she would turn over some of these to him he would invest in securities that paid large returns. Mrs. Nixon says she turned over \$33,500 in securities and cash to Morris. She got back only \$636, she alleges.

Upon investigation, Mrs. Nixon alleges, she learned that the representations of Morris were false. She is

seventy-three years old.

Mrs. Nixon retained William W. Gerber, a Syracuse attorney, who had a conference with Morris. In an affidavit Mr. Gerber quotes the defendant as saying that "the old dame must have some memory to remember all the things I told her in order to get hold of this stock and her bonds. If she will wait until February, when we can organize our oil company, I will pay her back every cent, with interest."

The attachment received by Sheriff Knott calls for the attachment of 275,000 shares of the Lower California Oil Corporation, believed to be in the hands of persons in this city.

Deputy Sheriff Murray and Curtin made two trips to the Hotel Lorraine, where Morris has been living, to serve him with papers. They were greeted by a man who said he was the defendant's secretary. Morris did not return home Wednesday night, the secretary said, and he did not know just when he would return or where he might be found.

N. Y. Soldiers Got Lion's Share of European Brides

French Come First, Then English and Irish, and Half Have Trades to Support Selves

American soldiers brought 2,259 brides from Europe during the year now closing, and if for any reason the reality fails to match their dreams of married life at least half of the young women are able to support themselves by reverting to the trades and crafts they abandoned on the promise of the doughboys to love, honor and support. The figures were made public yesterday by the Y. W. C. A. in a report covering the activities of its war bride camps at Bordeaux, Brest, St. Nazaire and Liverpool.

French soldiers were most susceptible to the charms of foreign girls, according to the report. Men from every state brought home brides, but New Yorkers led all the rest with 347, representing sixteen nations, including 1 Prussian bride, one Portuguese, 1 Bavarian, 1 Rumanian, 1 Pole, 2 Spaniards, 3 Italian, 2 Swiss, 6 Welsh, 13 Scotch, 21 Irish, 64 English, 4 Belgian, 4 Luxembourgise and 223 French.

Of the total number married to American soldiers 893 could not speak English at all, 435 had a slight knowledge of the language, while 435 spoke it fluently.

In connection with the occupational statistics showing that more than 1,000 of the brides were capable of earning

their living, the report reveals that 189 young soldiers, who presumably joined the army directly from school, had the temerity to wed before they had chosen a civilian trade or profession. They were listed as without occupation.

The average age of the brides was twenty-five. Six hundred and twenty were less than twenty, while only thirty-two admitted more than thirty-five. Two hundred and thirty-four were older than their husbands.

French girls were in the great majority. Of the total number of brides brought over 1,505 were French and 425 English. One American soldier found an Armenian bride and one a Greek.

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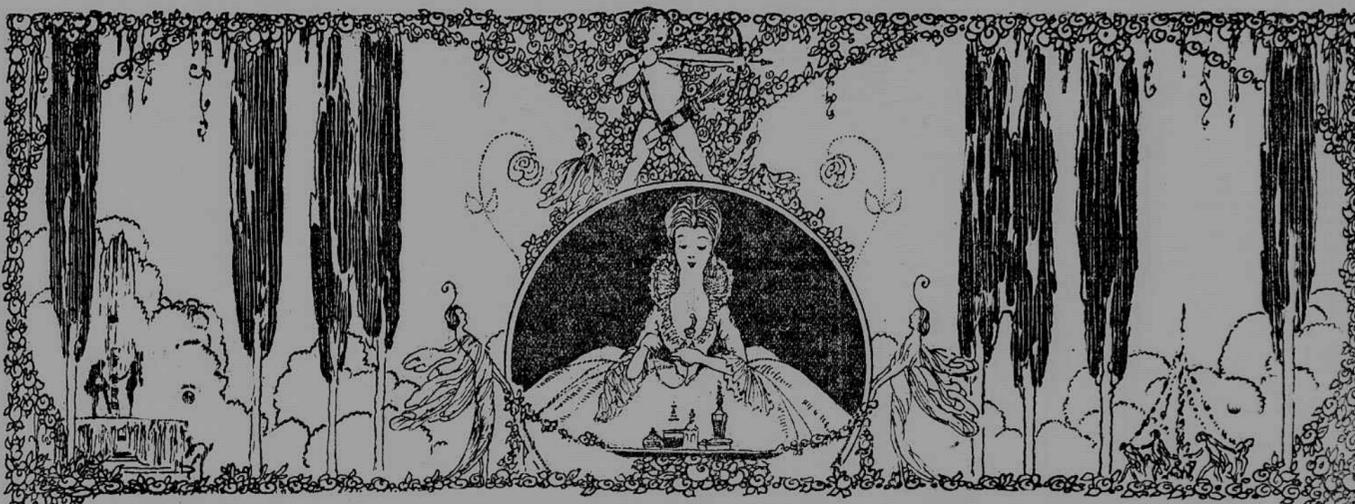
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