

Banton Adds 3 More Firms to Bucket Inquiry

Prosecutor Has 34 Concerns Under Investigation Now and Evidence Indicates Fleeing Was Nation-Wide

New Cases to Grand Jury Consolidated Stock Exchange Furnishes Data Against Expelled Trading Company

District Attorney Banton added three brokerage firms yesterday to those now being investigated by his office in connection with his anti-bucketshop campaign. This brings the total number of concerns being examined up to thirty-four.

The evidence against one of the three referred to, R. H. MacMasters, of the firm of R. H. MacMasters & Co., 82 Broad Street, was placed in Mr. Banton's hands yesterday by William S. Silkworth, president of the Consolidated Stock Exchange. The MacMasters concern was expelled from the Consolidated Exchange last week on the basis of testimony and data gathered by the exchange in connection with the activities of the company.

Charges Against Concern

It was this evidence and data, said Mr. Banton, which he had turned over to him by Mr. Silkworth, being the first instance in his memory of a stock exchange voluntarily referring to the District Attorney's office. Mr. Banton said that the facts as presented in Mr. Silkworth's report allege in substance that the MacMasters concern was trading in the stock market in violation of the District Attorney's turned over the information to Assistant District Attorney Schreiber for investigation.

Mr. Banton refused to make public the names of the other two accused firms, but he announced that their cases had been placed before the additional grand jury yesterday. There had been no action taken against Mr. Banton saying he was waiting to go ahead with the trials of some of the indicted cases before taking up new indictments.

Fleeing Was Nation-Wide

Mr. Banton said he continues to receive complaints from all parts of the country with respect to alleged bucketshop activities of one concern or another in this city, the letters coming from as far as Texas, Montana, Wisconsin and other points. Some of these refer to houses generally recognized as reputable, and upon investigation are found to come from persons who were prominent in the general game of market speculation.

"I am not going to let these persons use my office to collect bad debts," commented Mr. Banton.

Mr. Banton said he had received reports from the brokerage firm of Kohler, Brenner & Co., 32 Broadway, and F. Oppenheimer & Co., Mr. Banton said his office had received requests for information in connection with these two companies.

Widow Seeks to Attach House for \$30,000 Loss

The Supreme Court and the sheriff of two counties, a chief of police and a coroner, were brought into action yesterday in an effort to attach property belonging to Alfred E. Lindsay, of South Nyack, in a suit brought by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Arnold, to recover \$30,000 which she says she intrusted to Lindsay to invest for her. So far Mrs. Arnold has not been able to get any of the money, but Sheriff Robert Woods, of Rockland County, has in his possession the contents of Lindsay's South Nyack home, which, according to an appraisal furnished by the Chief of Police of South Nyack, is worth about \$20,000.

An attachment was also issued in New York County, but Deputy Sheriff Lansing was not so fortunate as the officials of Nyack. Lindsay is the secretary of the Pacific Mining and Chemical Company at 4 East Forty-second street, which is said Lindsay was only a salesman and that he had no property there. As for Lindsay himself no trace of him was found and Lindsay to Mrs. Arnold, who is suing to recover her money, he had absconded himself to defraud his creditors.

James Simmons, Assistant District Attorney in charge of the investigation into the case, said he thought he might like to interview Lindsay on the theory that he might have some valuable information.

Mrs. Arnold said in her complaint that it was between September and December, 1921, that she turned the \$30,000 over to Lindsay. She did so, she alleges, after Lindsay had told her that he was a member of the George F. Baker trust, and that he had purchased and sold of stocks on the Stock Exchange and that they met every night to decide on their market operations for the next day. Lindsay informed Mrs. Arnold that he could make some profitable investments for her. Later, she alleges, she learned that Lindsay was not Mr. Rockefeller or Mr. Baker, and that his other representations were false. She then decided on the suit.

When the attachment reached Sheriff Robert Woods, Rockland County, he sought the advice of Justice Tompkins, of the Supreme Court.

Lindsay's home at South Nyack is one of the show places of the neighborhood. It is a large, modern house, the house was in the name of Mrs. Lindsay, but after being reassured by Justice Tompkins, who told him his power under the attachment, the sheriff decided he would enter the house. He called on the chief of police of South Nyack and two or three citizens of the county.

After satisfying themselves there was nobody home they crawled in through a window.

Dier's Plea to Retain Books Heard by Court

Elmore D. Dier's motion for an injunction restraining the receiver for his bankrupt brokerage firm from turning over the books of the concern to District Attorney Banton for presentation in grand jury proceedings was argued before Judge Learned Hand in the Federal district court yesterday. Mr. Dier is charging E. D. Dier & Co. with questionable practices which have been received at the local prosecutor's office, some of them antedating the broker's failure on January 16. At that time it was learned that only nominal assets could be found to meet liabilities of more than \$3,000,000.

At the close of the argument yesterday Judge Hand reserved decision. Former Judge Nath Rockwood, as counsel for the plaintiff, based his case on Dier's constitutional rights. He declared that to turn over the books to the District Attorney would be tantamount to calling upon his client to testify against himself.

Robert S. Johnston, assistant district attorney, for the state argued in the Tracy case in 1910 Judge Hand had himself held that when the

Brady-Straton Outbreak Laid To a Fit of Publicity Fever

Manager Is Censured for His Reply to Preacher in Speech by John Emerson at Matinee; Stage Folk Need No Defender, He Says

The members of the recent Straton-Brady debate in the Calvary Baptist Church were breathed upon yesterday at a foregathering of the clergy and the "profession" in the Broadhurst Theater at a special matinee of "Marjoline." The flame of resentment which shot up, strangely enough, singed William A. Brady, the champion of theatrical folk, as well as the Rev. John Roach Straton, their critic.

Yesterday's matinee was obviously an enterprising press agent's way of turning a stray happening aptly to account. Several days ago an open letter went out from the office of Russell Janney, producer of "Marjoline," inviting about 1,000 members of the New York theatrical and clean entertainment that refuted Dr. Straton's blanket charges of immorality of the theater world, and it was without incident. The attendance yesterday showed a large representation of actors and actresses and a slim one of clergymen.

Scarcely was the curtain down on the second act than the real business of the afternoon began. Robert Edgar Long, who showed a charge of affairs, made an oratorical opening.

"I do not think," he said, "that people like Joe Jefferson, Richard Mansfield, Charles Frothingham and Henry B. Harris, who are not here, this afternoon to defend themselves, should be called indecent, immoral and unfit to associate with the clergymen of New York City," and then on the crest of the applause named those in the audience mentioned by Dr. Straton.

From an upper box Olga Petrova nodded a plumed head in acknowledgment of a lower box Laurette Taylor, wrapped in a shawl, to acknowledge the applause evoked by her name, in

bankrupt turns over his books to the receiver without raising the question of his constitutional rights he waives the right to be heard. A different opinion appears to have come into the courts in the last twelve years.

Manfred W. Ehrlich, the receiver, informed the court through his counsel that he took a neutral stand in the argument, urging, however, that whatever the issue, arrangements be made to enable him to obtain necessary information from the books.

Justice Hand, having heard the United States Commissioner Alexander Gilchrist Jr. in the effort to locate the assets of the bankrupt concern was adjourned without any testimony being taken.

Congresswoman Firm In Stand Against Bonus

Miss Robertson, at Presbyterian Dinner, Replies to Critics of Her Attitude

Miss Alice Robertson, member of Congress from Oklahoma, speaking at the dinner of the Presbyterian Union at the Hotel Statler, last night, answered her critics who had focused their stand on the bonus issue. Miss Robertson, who said that she was more proud of the generations of missionaries behind her than she was of being a member of Congress, has been taking an active part in the Presbyterian Field Days in progress throughout the greater New York area.

"A week ago at the Lincoln birthday luncheon which I addressed," Miss Robertson said, "I declared that I could not support the bonus. I explained my reasons at the time, but since that luncheon I have received numerous communications, letters and telegrams from the American Legion and other veterans' organizations in my home state, asking me if what had appeared in the papers in regard to that speech was true." She said she answered all in the affirmative.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Chapman Swearingen, of St. Paul, moderator of the general council of the Presbyterian Church, was the other speaker. Former Commissioner of Immigration Frederick A. Wallis presided.

Pepper Sees No Chance Of U. S. Rail Ownership

United States Senator George Wharton Pepper, of Pennsylvania, who succeeded the late Boies Penrose, discussed the railroad situation in the United States last night in his first New York speech since becoming a Senator. He was captured at a dinner of the Traffic Club of New York at the Hotel Commodore.

Senator Pepper said that unified railroad control during the war had brought the quietest of government ownership for decades to come. The country's experience in this regard, he said, "has corroborated the general proposition that government ownership of railroads has failed to justify itself wherever in the world it has been tried."

In referring to the Washington conference, the Senator said that if the four-power Pacific treaty is not suspended, it means that this country might as well abandon thought of naval disarmament and arm itself to the teeth.

T. T. Harkrader, president of the club, presided. United States Senator Henry Hyslop, of Oklahoma, and Congressman Otis Wingo Jr., of Arkansas, also spoke. There were 1,600 present.

Jersey Passes Port Bill

Special Dispatch to the Tribune. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 20.—Under suspension of the rules, the Assembly to-night rushed to third reading and unanimously passed Senator Case's bill appropriating \$100,000 for the Port of New York Authority and carrying an agreement with New York State for port development. Governor Edwards will sign the measure, having announced in his annual message to the Legislature that he was now in favor of the project, although he had opposed it last year.

Two Secretaries to Japan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The surviving members of the Class of '81 of the United States Naval Academy, including high ranking officers in the navy and Marine Corps, as well as Secretary of War Weeks and Senator O. E. Waller, of Maryland, are to visit Japan and the Orient this summer as special guests of Admiral Uriu, of the Japanese navy, who is a member of the class, and the Japanese government. Secretary of Navy Denby announced today. Mr. Denby is included in the invitation and plans to go.

Pastor on Pulpit Strike

BLACKPOOL, England, Feb. 20.—The Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of one of the Congregational churches here, has announced his intention of going on strike for two weeks. He said the empty pews in his church showed that there was something wrong either with his sermons or the church.

British Officer Dies in Ambush Outside Dublin

Another Mortally Wounded When Motor Carrying a Party of Soldiers Is Fired On as Sinn Fein Gathers

Debate on Treaty Today Free Staters and Aids of De Valera Both Claim Majority Among the Delegates

By Arthur S. Draper. Special Cable to the Tribune. DUBLIN, Feb. 20. While delegates from every Sinn Fein club in Ireland were arriving to-day for a meeting to decide the policy of the organization toward the Anglo-Irish treaty in the forthcoming election, a motor containing a party of British troops was ambushed outside this city and one officer was killed and another mortally wounded.

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Daylight Bank Truck Hold-Up Nets \$22,000

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Charles E. Whyard, vice-president of the Greenwich Bank and manager of the Thirty-fifth Street branch, said that Russell had been in the employ of the bank for ten or twelve years. He earns \$16 a week. Mr. Whyard said that he was above suspicion, as was Brown, who has been with the bank for four years.

Cigar Store Robbed

Strictly up to date methods were used by yegmen who robbed the United Cigar Store at 788 Columbus Avenue early yesterday. The men after gaining access to the store removed an electric light bulb and inserted a plug which provided current to a drill, which was used to make a hole for the insertion of nitro-glycerine. The door of the safe was blown and the burglars took \$500 in cash and coupons with a cash value of \$100. They over-looked \$40 which was in a cash register and within easy access.

Steel filings and wood chips were the only clues. Detectives assigned to the case are confident that nitro-glycerine was used. The hole was bored in the top of the safe door. None of the neighbors heard any unusual noise.

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Forty Catholics Killed

With the last ten days forty Catholics have been killed, less one time that number wounded in Belfast for practically no other reason than that they had different religious views than their Protestant neighbors. It is estimated that most of the violence is due to the operations of a band of desperate gunmen, but the facts do not bear them out.

How Old Is Max? Friends Of McCormicks Not Agreed

40 and Lovable, Says Mathilde; 57, Asserts Cousin; Young and Full of 'Peep,' Colby Says

Special Dispatch to the Tribune. CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Just how old is Max Oser, or Max von Muehl, of Zurich, Switzerland, who is to marry Mathilde McCormick, daughter of the late John D. Rockefeller, International Harvester Company?

Miss Mathilde says he is forty and lovable. Emil H. Burgy, his cousin, says he is fifty-seven. Mrs. Martha Burgy, of Milwaukee, another cousin, says he is forty-eight and the son of a clergyman. Emil Burgy says he is the son of Count von der Muehl.

Howard A. Colby, diplomatic friend of the McCormicks, speaking for the family, says Harold McCormick knows the exact date. "I think it is only forty years old and full of 'peep,'" this stuff about him being an old man is all both. He is really a young man and Miss Mathilde is a very mature young lady."

Another to explode the declaration that Max Oser is a descendant of nobility is Dr. Max Schwentzen, secretary of the Swiss Consulate. "The family home of the Oser is in Basle," he says. "Max Oser came to Zurich about ten years ago. The declaration that the von der Muehl family is of the nobility is incorrect. Neither is it German. The von der Muehl's are high class commercial people and highly respected, but no member of it ever was count. It is of Swiss origin, tracing its origin back to the middle ages. Max Oser still holds a commission as major in the Swiss artillery."

Neither Harold McCormick nor Miss Mathilde were at home to reporters to-day. Mathilde slept late, after the long family council of yesterday. Max Oser was out for a few weeks and will visit John D. Rockefeller, her grandfather, at present in Florida.

Sweet Seeks Kenyon's Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Burton E. Sweet, Republican member of the House from the Third Iowa District, announced to-day he would enter the Republican primaries in June as a candidate for the Senate. He will seek the nomination for the unexpired term of Senator Kenyon, who will leave the Senate this week to become a Federal circuit judge.

No Work, No Pay, New Plan for Legislators

ALBANY, Feb. 20.—Assemblyman James H. Caulfield to-night introduced a proposed amendment to the constitution increasing the salaries of legislators from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The full salary is to be paid only to those members who attend the sessions every day.

"If the resolution is adopted and voted favorably upon by the people," said Assemblyman Caulfield, "it will mean a great saving to the state. At present many Senators and Assemblymen attend sessions but once a week, and some not even that. I know of one Assemblyman who has not been here once this season. My motto is: 'No work, no pay.'"

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