# FOUR MORE SOUGHT IN BLACKMAIL PLOT

## Butler, One of Alleged Leaders of Nationwide Band, Here To-day for Trial.

## BRANCHES SET THE LURE

## Then When Victims Came to New York the Trap Was Sprung Upon Them.

Developments in the Mann act blackmail case yesterday made the Federal officials in charge of the investigation more confident than ever of the success of their crusade to stamp out what they consider the most extensive and strong blackmailing system the country has ever known. The chief cause of optimism was word from Philadelphia that William Butler, one of the outstanding figures, had consented to come to New York voluntarily to-day to stand trial for conspiring with George Irwin, Frank Crocker and Edward, alias "Doc" Donahue, to extort money from Mrs. Regina A. Klipper, a buyer for a Philadelphia department store.

Next to Arthur L. David, alias Don Collins, who is now in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta on another charge, Butler is said to have been the most dominating factor in the blackmail system. He was originally arrested on a charge of attempting to extort money from Mrs. J. Bolton Winpenny, a wealthy Philadelphia woman, on threat of having one of her sons arrested on a charge of violating the Mann act. Mrs. Winpenny died a few weeks ago, and if it had not been for nearly upturned evidence the case against Butler would have died a natural death. The new evidence connected Butler's connection with the Klipper case.

### Four More Being Sought.

Another interesting turn in the case was the revelation that the Federal authorities expect within the next few days to pick up three men and one woman connected with the blackmailing system. Agents of the Department of Justice are searching the night life resorts for these persons.

Butler will arrive here from Philadelphia in charge of a deputy United States marshal this morning, and probably will be arraigned without delay. The Federal authorities believe Butler conceived the plan of getting Mrs. Klipper in a compromising position in a hotel in this city. To this end he is said to have made use of the dashing Frank Crocker as the ardent but unconventional lover. Crocker's previous acquaintance with Mrs. Klipper was an advantage in this connection.

Crocker, posing as a wealthy Boston man, met Mrs. Klipper at a New Year's Eve revel in a big New York hotel. On a next visit to Philadelphia he dropped in to see her. On the way to her house, however, he decided to call on his old pal Butler, whose residence in Philadelphia is said to be the rendezvous for men who lend it to their advantage to drop out of the sight of the police every now and then. To Butler, so the Federal officers assert, Crocker boasted of his new conquest. His recital, it is alleged, suggested to Butler a scheme by which something more tangible than love could be derived from the affair.

### Crocker a State Witness.

A few days later Crocker and Mrs. Klipper came to this city and went to a hotel after a dinner at a well known restaurant. At the hotel the following morning the pair were confronted, it is alleged, by George Irwin and "Doc" Donahue, who posed as agents of the Department of Justice, and produced fictitious warrants calling for the arrest of Crocker on a charge of violating the Mann act by bringing Mrs. Klipper from Pennsylvania to New York. Crocker pretended to pay the hush money required of him, and Mrs. Klipper was induced to give up $500 to avoid the scandal.

To head off the prosecution of Irwin and Crocker, who were arrested here some time ago in connection with the case, other members of the gang kidnapped Mrs. Klipper and took her to Canada, where she was subsequently located. She is now being carefully guarded by the Federal authorities. Crocker is said to have turned Government witness in the case.

The three men and one woman whom the Federal authorities now seek are wanted in connection with the alleged blackmailing of A. R. Wesley, a wealthy Chicagoan, who was trapped in a hotel in this city last May with a woman named Alice Williams. Two other defendants in the same case, James Christian and Homer French, were arrested in Chicago on Sunday. Wesley is said to have paid the members of the gang who threatened to arrest him $15,000.

### Branches in Many Cities.

French was first arrested with David, Irwin and Crocker last February, but the evidence against him then was so slender that the Federal authorities were forced to release him. The attempt to extort money from Wesley followed shortly after French gained his freedom.

Each day brings to the Federal authorities new and important information concerning the magnitude of the blackmailing case. So extensive are its proportions that the authorities are now convinced that the illicit use of the Mann act for purposes of extortion has become a nationwide industry in which any number of bands are lucratively engaged. They operate separately, but are in close cooperation. Practically every city of importance in the country was covered by the system.

The members of each band made it their business to acquaint themselves with the personal habits of any persons in their particular district who had enough money to make the game worth while. Handsome women agents of the band were set on their trail. In some cases men were used to lure women victims. When a couple was about to leave the State the operators who had been following them would telegraph to the headquarters of the band in the city for which the man and woman were bound and there the blackmail trap would be sprung.

As a rule, the Federal authorities say, the operators did not confine themselves to the Mann act as a basis for their extortions, but employed every conceivable ruse of the "badger game." The leading operators in the national organization, the Federal authorities believe, were Arthur David and William Butler. Their word was law with all the bands. Both possess attractive personalities and have acquired the superficial earmarks of good breeding.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—The hearing in the case of Homer T. French and James Christian, arrested by Federal agents here on a charge of blackmailing A. R. Wesley, was put over until October 2 by United States Commissioner Foote.

# VON JAGOW TO RETIRE, AMSTERDAM REPORT

## Ill Health Assigned as Reason, but Ascendency of Von Tirpitz Party Is Cited.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says he has learned that the resignation of Gottlieb von Jagow, German Foreign Minister, is imminent. Ill health is given as the reason.

Herr von Jagow has been considered one of the more moderate German officials, and his resignation is regarded here as significant. Coupled with the strong agitation to remove Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg because of his conservative attitude on the submarine controversy, it would indicate that the rabid "Deutschland Ueber Alles" party is in the ascendent in Germany.

The Kaiser was very eager to have von Jagow as head of the Foreign Office, it was understood in January, 1913, when he was appointed to that post from the Ambassadorship at Rome. He was regarded as shrewd but amiable and conservative in his views. When Herr von Jagow accepted the post he did so reluctantly, it was said, pleading that his health was not good and the Italian climate agreed with him better than the German.

## PERSHING TO SUCCEED MILLS.

### Wilson Proposes to Nominate Him a Major-General.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Secretary Baker announced late to-day that the President would nominate Brig.-Gen. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary forces in Mexico, to be a Major-General to fill the vacancy created by the death of Maj.-Gen. Mills.

Gen. Pershing's promotion does not affect his assignment as commander of the expeditionary force in Mexico.

Cols. Eben Swift of the General Staff, Francis H. French of the Twenty-first Infantry, Edwin St. John Greble of the Sixth Field Artillery and Charles G. Treat of the General Staff will become brigadiers-general. Granger Adams, Montgomery McComb and F. W. Sibley will be retired.

## FISHING PARTY OF 9 MISSING.

### Coast Guard Cutter Asked to Hunt for New Bedford Boat.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Sept. 25.—Search for a fishing party of nine men, headed by W. A. Ashworth, superintendent of the Whitman mill, was begun by the police to-day, and requests were made for the assistance of the coast guard cutter Acushnet and various coast guard stations in Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

The party left here yesterday in a twenty-five foot motor cabin cruiser. A vessel of that description was reported last night drifting because of probable engine trouble off Westport, but as conditions of wind and water were not thought threatening no effort was made to send assistance at that time.

## THRIFT CONGRESS FOR N. Y.

### American Bankers' Association to Celebrate in December.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 25.—A thrift congress to be held in New York the latter part of December to celebrate the gains made by savings banks this year and to map out a further huge economy campaign to be instituted throughout the United States, was planned here to-day by the executive committee of the savings bank section of the American Bankers' Association.

It was the first work of importance undertaken by bankers attending the annual convention of the association opening here to-day. The plans made today will be submitted to the general meeting of the savings section for approval.

### Yellow Fever Experts Back.

Gen. W. C. Gorgas, chairman of the yellow fever commission of the Rockefeller Foundation, which has been investigating the disease in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Panama, returned yesterday by the Porto Rico liner Brazos. He was accompanied by other members of the commission.

# PLEA FOR STIELOW TO BE MADE TO-DAY

## Many Legal Difficulties Confront Man Condemned to Death as Slayer.

## MAY RULE OUT PROOF

## Recantation by Pedler Prevents Use of Confession of Alleged Real Murderer.

Charles Frederick Stielow's plea for another chance to go before a jury, this time to prove that he is not a murderer, will be heard in Rochester to-morrow by Adolph J. Rodenbeck, recently appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court by Gov. Whitman. The three New York lawyers who will present the argument for Stielow—Huntington W. Merchant, James W. Osborne and Stuart M. Kohn—will be joined in Rochester by ex-Justice Sutherland.

The lawyers have a pile of new evidence, which they believe places the killing of Charles Phelps and Margaret Wolcott, who were shot in West Shelby, N. Y., in March, 1915, on the shoulders of Irving King, a pedler who has repudiated a confession attributed to him, and Clarence O'Connell, named as his accomplice. But Mrs. Grace Humiston, a lawyer, and Misha Appelbaum of the Humanitarian Cult, who have made the fight to save Stielow, realize that there are technicalities of the law, which may prevent the admission of the evidence regarded as most important. There is a similarity of legal difficulties between this case and that of Leo Frank.

### Confession May Be Excluded.

As the travelling horse trader and pedler, King, has recanted, the confession as it now stands may be adjudged as hearsay evidence, which under the law may properly be excluded from consideration by the court in determining the motion for a new trial.

The newly presented evidence of Charles and Laura Laskey, that Clarence O'Connell, who lived with them and was named by King as his accomplice in the murder, was absent with a buggy on the night of the murder; their identification of a piece of cloth and blue handkerchief as belonging to him, buried after the murder, and their affidavits that O'Connell later shot his horse with a .22 calibre bullet, the same size used by the murderers, while having admitted strength in a charge of murder against O'Connell, may be ruled out because this evidence was available at the time of Stielow's first trial. Failure to produce it does not legally justify its admission at the present time, in the opinion of some lawyers.

Another powerful link of evidence in the chain forged to free Stielow of the murder charge is the examination by experts of the bullets taken from the bodies of the murdered man and woman. At the time of the first trial an expert for the State testified that there were scratches on these bullets which were made from defects in the barrel of a revolver owned by Stielow. The defence has engaged other experts who will testify that the bullets contain no such scratches or defects. This evidence was also available at the time of the first trial.

Neither Mr. Osborne nor Mr. Merchant would discuss the legal aspect of the case yesterday. They said no effort or point of law would be disregarded in bringing to the court's attention the tragic position of Stielow.

That a man will be sent to his death when grave doubt surrounds his guilt is inconceivable to the many who have interested themselves in Stielow. Both Stielow and King have confessed the murder and recanted. That places them in the same position. However, experts have testified that Stielow is an illiterate man with the brain of a child and a vocabulary of not more than 150 words. His confession contained 350 words which it is asserted were unknown to him.

The recantation of King was obtained by the same detective who obtained the original confession from Stielow and was interested in his conviction because of the $6,000 reward. Evidence of "third degree" methods employed in obtaining the Stielow confession was one of the strongest points which caused Justice Guy to grant a stay of execution.

Nelson Green, who has been convicted as an accomplice of Stielow, is an imbecile. In the opinion of Stielow's lawyers he was forced to confess in much the same manner as Stielow. Therefore no value is attached to his confession as corroborative evidence.

The argument for a new trial is expected to take several hours. District Attorney Knickerbocker of Orleans county will oppose the motion and will be assisted by some of the ablest upState lawyers.

# TUG LEAVES WESTERLY TO TOW THE BREMEN

## Undersea Liner Believed to Have Submerged Off Montauk Point Until Night.

WESTERLY, R. I., Sept. 25.—The tug Westerly left here to-night under orders to proceed to Montauk Point to assist in towing a German merchant submarine to New London, Conn. The undersea boat is supposed to be the Bremen or the Deutschland.

Capt. Frank H. Robinson of the Westerly Towboat Company said his orders had come from the T. A. Scott Wrecking Company of New London, which has had several of its tugs in the service of the Eastern Forwarding Company, agents for the German merchant submarines.

The message he received gave Capt. Robinson the impression that the submarine was lying submerged off Montauk Point, and did not wish to venture toward the harbor until darkness protected her.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 25.—Officials of the Scott Wrecking Company admitted to-night that orders had been given for the services of the tug Westerly. It was said that the Westerly took the place of the tug Alert, which has been sent to Portland to assist the wreckers working on the steamer Bay State.

German interests profess to expect the arrival of the submarine at any hour, and their confidence has served to revive the excitement of a few weeks ago, when it was reported that one of the undersea craft was about to enter this harbor.

# LEE ARRESTED AGAIN BLACKMAIL CHARGED

## Former Phoenix Iron Works Owner Accused of Threatening Life of Ex-Judge.

William J. Lee, erstwhile owner of the Phoenix Iron Works of Trenton, N. J., who has been in insane asylums here and in New Jersey for having written threatening letters to ex-Gov. Stokes, was arrested last night on a warrant which charged him with blackmail, alleging that he wrote an objectionable letter to former Judge Frank Hasbrouck of Dutchess county, New York.

Lee was taken into custody at his home, 256 St. Nicholas avenue, by Harry T. Briggs, Under Sheriff of Dutchess county, and Detective McManus of the Fourth Branch. They acted on a warrant issued by District Attorney Raymond K. Aldrich of Dutchess county at the instigation of Supreme Court Justice Morschauser of Westchester county.

According to the Under Sheriff Lee sent a letter to Mr. Hasbrouck, now practising law at Poughkeepsie, in which he threatened to shoot the former Judge within ten days unless he settled a certain bill of sale.

Lee escaped three times from the New Jersey State asylum for the insane in Trenton after having been committed there early in the nineties for sending menacing letters to Judge Garrett D. W. Vroom accusing him of defrauding him of the Phoenix Iron Works when it was sold through Judge Vroom as attorney. After being adjudged insane in New Jersey but sane in this State he was pronounced mentally irresponsible here and sent to the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island, from which he likewise escaped in 1905.

Early in 1907 he wrote letters to the then Governor Stokes threatening to kill him. For this he was sent to Matteawan, but he began a long fight to be released, suing out eight writs of habeas corpus. Among the Judges who denied his petition was Judge Hasbrouck. Finally in 1911 he won his freedom from the late Justice Brady, having been presumably "cured" by an operation.

When arrested last night Lee said he was 54 years old and a draughtsman. Accompanied by Joseph Callahan, superintendent of Matteawan, the officers took him to Poughkeepsie.

### Forty Germans Killed in Raid.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Sept. 25.—The *Telegraaf* says that forty Germans were killed or injured in the British air raid on St. Denis Westrem, Belgium, on Friday. Two sheds and three aeroplanes were burned.

# DRIVERS IN QUEENS JOIN MILK STRIKE

## Borden Employees at Long Island City Out—Trouble Is Spreading.

The strike of drivers of Borden's Condensed Milk Company, which started in two branches in The Bronx and two in Harlem on Sunday morning, was extended last night to the company's Steinway avenue station in Long Island City.

Forty-five drivers, who daily deliver 12,000 quarts in Queens, voted to quit work until their demands for increased wages are granted. Assistant General Manager Fleischauer said that in the circumstances he did not see how it was possible for any morning house to house deliveries of milk to be made from that depot.

The action of the men followed a conference which H. N. Hallock, vice-president of the Borden concern, had with a committee of The Bronx and Harlem strikers, loyal drivers and two labor delegates at the company's office, 108 Hudson street, in the afternoon. The drivers present represented a total of 476 men employed at eight branch stations.

### Duty to Public Urged.

"I put it up to them this way," said Mr. Hallock. "I told the drivers that if they would take out their wagons to-morrow (Tuesday) morning we would immediately take up with them for consideration any demands they had to make. I told them that I would call a meeting of the employees of all our branches in some hall to-morrow, when we would get together and talk over the whole matter. This appeared to be fair to the men, but those on strike said they would have to report the proposal at a meeting to-night before they could tell what they would do.

"I told the drivers it was only fair to the public that they should run their wagons. I maintain they have no right to punish the public and lose their wages pending a settlement. If the present wage scale is wrong then we are willing to consider the whole thing."

### Total of 269 Men Out.

Mr. Hallock said he received no reports yesterday of strike violence anywhere in the city, and added that the strikers in The Bronx and Harlem had carried on what they called "peaceful picketing" at the company's Manhattan street, Thirty-fourth street, Eleventh street and Long Island City stations. He insisted only 269 drivers were out in the four branches. Of these 169 actually went on strike, he said, and the rest declined to run the risk of taking out their wagons.

The Borden customers, served from The Bronx and Harlem depots, received no deliveries yesterday. Those who did not get their milk from other retailers went to the depots for their supply and carried it home. The Lincoln and Lebanon hospitals in The Bronx sent ambulances to the nearest branches for milk for their patients. Several private institutions conveyed milk back in buggies. The pickets made no attempt to interfere. Borden wagons supplied other hospitals with their usual morning milk.

Encouraged by the apparent success of the Borden milk drivers' strike, employees of other milk distributing companies have likewise decided to suspend work. The result of this strike leaders said last night, will be to materially hamper the delivery of milk to-morrow morning in districts outside of Harlem and The Bronx.

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## ROSH HA-SHANAH TO-MORROW.

### Jewish New Year to Be Followed by Ten Days Penitence.

When the sun sinks to-morrow the Jewish high holidays, of deep religious significance, will begin. The first of them is Rosh ha-shanah, or New Year's; following immediately will be ten days of penitence, which will reach their climax on October 7 in the Day of Atonement.

The Mishna, the Jewish law book, describes New Year's day as the time when all the inhabitants of the earth pass before God as sheep before a shepherd for judgment. Before Him lie three books; in one of them, the Book of Life, are inscribed the names of the righteous, the sinless; in the second, the Book of Death, are the names of the utterly wicked, and the third book contains the names of the "middle type" of men, in whose behalf judgment is suspended through the ten days of penitence until the Day of Atonement, when the decision is finally made and recorded.

## STEALS BRITISH IRON IN DAY.

### Truckman Boldly Drives to Embassy and Carts It Off.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—An enterprising draymen executed a coup at the British Embassy to-day, which baffled the keenest diplomatists on the staff and netted him a wagonload of structural iron purchased by the British Government for use on a new embassy annex.

Under the eyes of a large force of attaches and clerks, and chatting sociably with a special policeman assigned to guard embassy property, he leisurely loaded his wagon, said good-by and went away. The theft was not discovered until several hours afterward.

# MILK FIRMS TO BUY IN OTHER STATES

## Big Concerns Turned Down by N. Y. Farmers at Price Offered, Says Dillon.

Big milk distributers in the city have been forced to go to the farmers of Pennsylvania and New England because New York dairymen will not sign contracts at the price offered, said State Commissioner Dillon yesterday.

The up-State farmers are firm in their stand, he asserted, and mean to sell their milk through his department.

"I've never seen such a movement as this has developed to be," the Commissioner added. "The farmers are sticking together like good fellows, and it looks as if they were going to win out.

"To-day representatives of 180 storekeepers in The Bronx, including one chain store company, came to me and declared they would buy milk from me as the selling agent of the dairy farmers. They said they would pay the farmers' price of 4½ cents per quart. Pasteurization, freight, bottling, deliveries, etc., would bring the cost to them up to 6½ or 7 cents per quart, and they promised to retail milk at 8 cents, being satisfied with 1 cent profit a quart.

"Thus far small dealers have signed October 1 contracts to buy through my department in the neighborhood of 6,000 forty quart cans per day.

"The farmers are looking to the future in the matter of pasteurization of their milk. At present the pasteurization plants in the main are owned by the big distributers. A delegation of farmers from Bedford, N. Y., came here to look up equipment of a plant of their own. Others came from Middletown to get separators.

"I have contracted to sell the supply of Washingtonville farmers, who are going to pasteurize their own milk. At Wallkill the farmers are sending their milk to Kingston for pasteurization, and I am going to sell it for them.

"Some drivers for big milk concerns visited me to-day and asked if I would sell them milk if they bought horses and wagons and turned retail milkmen on their own hook. I told them I would, and I will."

Vice-President Hallock of Borden's Condensed Milk Company said he was so busy yesterday with the milk wagon drivers' strike that he hadn't much time to see how the company's contracts with the farmers are coming on. He was satisfied, he said, that Borden's will be able to get all the milk it can handle.

## "MILK TRUST" INQUIRY ENDS.

### Findings of Agricultural Department Investigators Not Disclosed.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Investigation of charges that a virtual "milk trust" existed in this section of the country was finished to-day by Carl Vroom, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Vroom departed for Washington without making public any hint of his findings.

With Mr. Vroom were several aids. The investigation included St. Louis, Des Moines, Elgin, Aurora and Chicago.

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## MORE BUDGET DEMANDS CUT.

### Volunteer Life Savers Ask $10,512; $8,503 Recommended.

The sub-committee of the tax budget committee yesterday continued its work of holding department heads down in their demands for money for next year.

The United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps asked for $10,512; the subcommittee will recommend $8,503. Last year the corps received $7,716. The District Attorney of Queens last year got $42,180; he requested $45,950 for next year. The sub-committee will recommend $41,900.

The District Attorney of Kings last year got $137,755; he asked for $142,738 for next year. The sub-committee will recommend $141,923.

The District Attorney for The Bronx last year got $106,351; for 1917 he asked $117,139. The sub-committee will recommend $102,695.

## KELLY COMES OUT OF COMA.

### Famous Whip Recovers After 36 Hours of Unconsciousness.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Sept. 25.—After being in a state of coma for fifty-six hours Walter Kelly, whip for Felix Warburg, a New York banker, who was injured Friday when his polo pony collided with another at the Westchester county horse show on Gedney farms, regained consciousness to-day.

No operation has been performed. Mr. Kelly was very badly injured, receiving a fracture at the base of the skull and also concussion of the brain. Dr. J. F. Black, who is attending Kelly, believes he will recover because of his rugged constitution.

### Yachtsmen Save W. T. Urquhart.

BABYLON, L. I., Sept. 25.—William T. Urquhart of 131 Liberty street, New York, a member of J. S. Urquhart's Sons & Co., mill supplies, was rescued off Fire Island yesterday by Capt. John Whitaker of Babylon and a party aboard his pleasure yacht. Urquhart had fallen from his power boat while fishing and had been carried out by the swift tide.

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