

BROKERS ARE AIDING NOTE LEAK INQUIRY

Stock Exchange Officials Devise Plan to Help House Rules Committee.

RESUME PROBE MONDAY

About 300,000 Accounts of Clients Exist, but All Are Not Involved.

Officials of the New York Stock Exchange took a hand yesterday in working out a plan whereby the House Rules committee, hunting for the supposed leak on the President's note to the beligerent Powers, could obtain quickly the information desired from the members of the exchange.

They made suggestions that were approved by Chairman Robert L. Henry of the committee and by Sherman L. Whipple, its counsel, and this morning another announcement from the committee will be communicated to the brokers. The request, now modified for a second time, will be in the nature of a statement from Mr. Whipple, and will be headed: "In explanation of the request of the Rules Committee."

Under the plan developed yesterday the work of the brokers will be greatly simplified and lessened. It eliminates the necessity on the part of the brokers of compiling a vast amount of data that will be of no help to the investigators. It will facilitate the efforts of the Congressmen to get in hand quickly information concerning the men who made big profits by the drop in prices owing to the peace discussion, and will enable them, having these facts as a basis, to go ahead and ascertain whether there was a leak from the White House or whether the advance news came from a foreign capital.

Statement Not Made Public.

The contents of Mr. Whipple's statement were withheld from the public last night. There was a rumor, however, to the effect that the new modification called for a statement from the brokers concerning the persons who from December 18 to December 23 inclusive sold short in lots of 100 shares or more. It has been charged that it was the bear traders who made the money, and as the investigators are seeking that information it may be possible that the statement of Mr. Whipple will deal with this phase.

The conference was held after the close of the exchange yesterday afternoon and it made it plain to the counsel that a blanket order to the brokers to produce trial balances, copies of the purchase and sales books, the entire list of customers and the amount of stocks lent to other brokers would require such an enormous amount of work that it would take weeks to compile it.

Seek to Economize in Time.

Accordingly the plans were whipped into shape for saving the time and expense of the brokers and the time of the House committee. At the conference Mr. Whipple handed out a carefully prepared statement, as follows: "The order still further to expedite responses to the request for immediate information from brokers on the part of the Rules Committee modifications have been made, a statement of which will be sent out by the Stock Exchange officials tomorrow morning."

Earlier in the day Mr. Whipple had made a statement to the exchange officials as "aiding the committee very efficiently." They not only respond promptly and courteously to every request of the committee, but they have volunteered suggestions which have proved most helpful in enabling the committee to proceed speedily and directly to the facts of the inquiry without unduly interfering with the private business of the brokers or causing annoyance to those of their customers who are not involved in the inquiry.

Resume Hearing Next Monday.

Chairman Henry also voiced a similar sentiment, adding just before his departure for the committee's hearing: "We expect within four or five days to have from the brokers all the information that we need to continue our inquiry. In fact I have telegraphed to the members of the committee calling another public hearing in this city next Monday morning at 10 o'clock."

Henry and Whipple Optimistic.

Because of the satisfactory situation yesterday, both Chairman Henry and Mr. Whipple were optimistic that they could proceed with the hearing and finish up in New York next week. It was said that a number of brokers will be called as witnesses, and that J. P. Morgan, Henry P. Davison and Frank A. Vanderlip will be witnesses. Whether Thomas W. Lawson of Boston will be a witness has not been decided, but Chairman Henry, commenting on that gentleman, remarked: "If we do call Lawson I will be because he is a link in the investigation which we have under way."

GREEKS OFFER APOLOGIES.

Head Note in Hellenic Ministers' Declaration Athens Riots.

London, Jan. 25.—In compliance with a request recently made by Greece, the Hellenic government has formally apologized to the United States for the riots in Athens which were held in honor of the late King George I. The declaration states that the riots were the result of a misunderstanding and that the Hellenic government is deeply grieved by the incident.

Some of the Seventy French Soldiers Here on Furlough.

Photograph by Central News Association.

The French line steamship Touraine arrived at New York yesterday and brought no happier passengers than these warriors of France—mostly French Canadians—who will enjoy a holiday at home before returning to the trenches and firing line. The photograph shows a group of non-commissioned officers and soldiers wearing the uniforms of the arms of the service of which they are members.

Left to right they are: Infantryman in fatigue uniform, Alpin-chasseur officer, artillery officer and infantry officer. For two years these men have been in Flanders.

Along the rails of the French liner Touraine, as she steamed up the bay yesterday, eagerly peering at the mist-embroidered skyscrapers of New York were seventy French non-commissioned officers and soldiers, most of them in full uniform, and some with steel trench helmets on their heads.

Among them was a young New Yorker, Joseph Grandgoullot, who left his home at 328 West Thirty-sixth street in August, 1914, and has been fighting at Verdun, in Champagne, and on the Somme ever since. He proudly displayed the cross of war.

Eugene Cuyet, who laid down the night stick in Los Angeles to carry a stretcher for the Red Cross at Verdun, also had the cross. The former policeman was on his way to see his wife and two children.

Vessel Has a Stormy Voyage.

Capt. Cassin reported a stormy but uneventful voyage, from Bordeaux. No commerce raiders or U-boats were seen. There were 374 passengers, including a number of prominent Americans, on board.

Robert Bacon, formerly United States Ambassador to France, was among the passengers. He said he had been in France engaged in work for the American Ambulance Hospital. The demands on the hospital have greatly increased. With its auxiliary beds about 1,500 patients are now cared for daily. The work was never more needed, and never has it been more highly appreciated by the French nation. The cost of maintaining the service has increased greatly, due to the rise in price of all necessities, not only in France but in this country.

Whitney Warren the architect, and his son, Whitney Warren Jr., were also on board. Young Mr. Warren has been serving with the American Red Cross since he was a young boy, and has been decorated with the cross of war.

Tell of Kansas's Destruction.

Details of the blowing up of the steamship Kansas, carrying a cargo of horses to France from the United States, were given by four members of the crew and forty-nine horse tenders who were injured and 300 of the Kansas were slowly drifting along near the harbor of St. Nazaire on December 18 last when she struck a mine. Her bow was blown off and the water came so shallow that the principal part of her was still above water after the water rushed in. Several members of the crew were killed and the 1,800 horses aboard were drowned.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Blair Thaw, who have been visiting their daughter, Donna Beatrice Theodoli, at Rome returned on the Touraine with another daughter, Miss Katharine Thaw. Miss Thaw has been acting as nurse for the past six months in a military hospital near Dieppe, of which Dr. Ralph Fitch of Rochester is the head.

Lieut. Charles Stehelin of the Ninth French Cuirassier Regiment was also on board, bound for his home at Weymouth, Nova Scotia, for his first vacation since the outbreak of the war.

Among the other passengers on board were Mrs. Thea Bratten, four American ambulance drivers, E. B. Foot, Henry Seton, Harold Manderson and Herbert Townsend, G. Hesloun, a representative of the French War Department; Mme. Gabrielle Gills, a singer; Dr. Charles Butler and Capt. P. Van de Velde, who is here to buy motor trucks for the French Government.

TO SUCCEED MUNSTERBERG.

Yale Man Chosen to Conduct Work at Cambridge.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 25.—It was announced today that Prof. Roswell P. Angier, director of the French Psychological Laboratory, had been appointed to take charge of the seminary of graduate students of the late Prof. Munsterberg of Harvard. Prof. Angier will not sever his connection with Yale, but will spend one day each week in Cambridge.

Prof. Angier expects to take a short vacation in the South before beginning his new work at Cambridge early in February.

Lumber Dealers Aid Belgians.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 25.—Five per cent. of their receipts on the first Mondays in February, March, April, May and June are to be devoted to the alleviation of the condition of homeless Belgian children under a resolution unanimously passed by the Rocky Mountain Lumber Dealers Association in convention here today.

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