

RED CROSS READY FOR GIGANTIC FETE

"Greatest Mother" Hostess at World's Greatest Block Party Here.

ALL NATIONS TAKE PART Two and a Half Miles of Fifth Avenue Reserved for Wednesday Night.

"The Greatest Mother in the World" is going to have the greatest block party on earth Wednesday evening as a feature of the week's campaign of the American Red Cross for new members.

Apparently every national, civic, social and fraternal organization in the city is anxious to show "the Greatest Mother in the World" what they think of her by participating in the fun.

Blocks for Army and Navy. The army will have a block; likewise the navy, and those wonderful fighters of the Marine Corps.

Among the national groups to take part are the French, Italians, Spanish, Afro-Americans, Latin Americans, British, Dutch, Norwegians, Swedes, Chinese, Japanese, Swiss, Portuguese, Jugos-Slovaks, Czechoslovaks, Slovians, Ukrainians, Armenians, Belgians, Greeks, Poles, Russians and representatives of other nations.

There will be a band for each of the participating organizations and all hands will start from Washington Square and keep on marching until they arrive at their own special block when they will break ranks and start right off with the business of the evening.

their special merry-making ground between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets. Charles Dana Gibson, F. Ballard Williams, George Kerr, F. de Sles Casey, Frank S. Fleming and others have promised the committee in charge of the Red Cross "Christmas Roll Call" that their "party" will be the real thing.

Norway will be found on the block between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, according to plans prepared by Rodney T. Martinson, president of the Norwegian-American Civic League, and his fellow workers.

A committee, of which Mrs. Gerda Simonson is chairman, has been actively at work organizing 60,000 Swedish residents of the city to make the Swedish American section of the block party a success.

The Russians will have an orchestra of forty accordions which will play music for folk dances in costume.

Among the French organizations which have promised to take part are the Lafayette Society and the Society of Alsace-Lorraine. Dances and songs that greeted the poilus as they marched through the villages of Alsace and Lorraine on their way to Metz and Strasbourg will be featured on the French block.

The block between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets will be reserved for the Chinese demonstration, under the direction of Lee H. Lok, a merchant at 32 Mott street.

Cathedral block, Fiftyth to Fifty-first street, has been assigned to the Latin Americans. E. A. Best, chairman of a committee including representative Central and South Americans, has planned to reproduce before St. Patrick's Cathedral the Holy Creche, which is a part of the Christmas celebration in every country of Catholic Latin America.

Forty girls in Belgian costume, four drawing a typical milk cart of Antwerp, will play a leading part in the merry-making to be provided on the Belgian block.

A man believed to have been Walter Wolf of 182 Rutland road, Brooklyn, employed in the finance department of the city, killed himself yesterday by firing five shots into his body in the region of the heart when he was in a washroom on the eighth floor of the Aeolian Building, 29 West Forty-second street.

ALLIES LOSE, SAID HALE TO HEARST

Continued from First Page. talking of imposing upon the four Allies Central Europe victorious everywhere and only ready waive advantage where certain victories became sincere lovers peace paragraph. War will go on.

"Anti-American," Says Lester. In answer to the repetition of the question from Senator Sterling (S. D.), Capt. Lester said: "These dispatches are, to my mind, plainly anti-American."

Senator Sterling pursued the question after each despatch was read: "If every man and woman in the United States over 18 years of age from the President down had read those articles and believed them American would have laid down and quit cold," said the Captain.

"The unconditional surrender would not have been forced," asked Senator Sterling.

"We would have done the unconditional surrendering ourselves," replied Capt. Lester.

The next subject development by the investigators was the conversation or least retention of a portion of the organization of the Lutheran Church in the United States in the cause of Germany. Capt. Lester testified that among certain synods of the Lutheran Church word had been passed down the line early in the war that the clergy were to preach and pray for German victory.

Lutheran Preachers Kept On. "The big trouble with having started this," said Capt. Lester, "was that after America got into the war herself it was difficult to stop it. Some of these Lutheran clergymen finding themselves unable to change front kept right on with their German teachings."

"The military authorities found that the operations of some of them in the neighborhood of camps had a very bad effect and were extremely embarrassing. One Lutheran clergyman after being appointed an army chaplain continued his pro-German teachings, but a court-martial straightened this out by sending the offending dominie to Leavenworth for fifteen years at hard labor."

Heads of the Lutheran faith in the United States through the great synods of New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Iowa, and the leading ministers of the church took up the work of straightening out the errors of the lesser leaders and brought order out of chaos very quickly, it was testified.

Senator King (Utah) inquired if the teaching of German and the use of German as the language employed in the church service had ever been stopped by the Lutherans.

Capt. Lester answered that there was such a movement progressing in the American negroes was touched upon by the committee.

Capt. Lester said it had been carried on principally from Mexico and had been a failure.

POMERENE INSISTS ON LA FOLLETTE INQUIRY

Senator Demands His Expulsion or Exoneraton.

Special Despatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Further investigation of charges of sedition, brought more than a year ago against Robert M. La Follette, senator from Wisconsin, was demanded today by the minority report filed by Chairman Pomerene (Ohio) of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. Mr. Pomerene, a Democrat, took the ground that the investigation which the committee made several abortive attempts to pursue should have been carried forward. He urged that the committee be instructed by the Senate to proceed with the inquiry, with the extension or expulsion of La Follette from the Senate as its outcome.

Recently the committee by a vote of nine to two determined that there was insufficient evidence to warrant any more attempts to prosecute Senator La Follette and dropped its case abruptly. Senator Pomerene charged today that the committee did not make any serious effort in this direction. He insisted "that the Senator from Wisconsin can be exonerated completely if the testimony justifies it; that he may be expelled if the testimony justifies it; that the Senate may pass a vote of censure or administer such other punishment as the testimony may justify."

Some such procedure, Mr. Pomerene continued, is "his duty as one of the Senators from Wisconsin, to the United States Senate itself and to the public."

While conceding this, counsel for the executors of the estate showed that Col. Barbour had maintained a residence in New Jersey since boyhood, frequently had been a delegate from that State to the national convention, had been a candidate for Congress there and a member of the staff of Gov. Griggs.

Extend East Side Tube Service. By order of the Public Service Commission the Interborough Rapid Transit Company will extend on December 21 its operation of the East Side subway from the 138th street station to the Hunt's Point station. This is the last station this side of the Bronx River.

TAX OFF BARBOUR ESTATE.

Appellate Court Decision Means Loss of Millions to State.

Holding that the evidence "destroyed any presumption of residence in this State" the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court decided yesterday that the estate of the late Col. William Barbour, who died in this city on March 1, 1917, is not taxable under the provisions of the amended transfer tax law of 1916. In consequence the State Comptroller will have to return to the estate of the decedent nearly \$200,000.

The decision means the loss of millions of dollars to the State from the estates of wealthy residents of other States who spend part of the year here in the winter.

Surrogate Cobhan had held that Col. Barbour was a resident of this State inasmuch as he had a residence on West Fifty-third street near Fifth Avenue, had a hunting lodge in the Adirondacks and spent the greater part of the two years preceding his death in this State.

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STAMFORD CASHIER OF BANK ARRESTED

W. N. Travis Accused of Issuing False Certificate.

Special Despatch to The Sun. STAMFORD, Dec. 14.—William N. Travis, treasurer of the City of Stamford since 1901 and cashier of the Stamford National Bank from February 5, 1917, until October of this year, was arrested today on a warrant issued by the Federal District Attorney, charging that he issued a false certificate to the effect that a customer had \$5,000 on deposit in the Stamford National Bank.

The name of the person to whom he is accused of having issued the certificate was withheld by Hugh Lavery, United States Commissioner, before whom Mr. Travis was arraigned in Bridgeport. Travis was released in lieu of \$3,000, the case going over until January 6.

Travis is prominent here. He had been in the employ of two local banks for twenty-six years, having been with the First National Bank for fourteen years and with the Stamford National Bank since December 1, 1906. He is a brother-in-law of Lieut.-Col. Walter C. Allen of the United States Air Force, who is now in France. Lieut.-Col. Allen is president and general manager of the Yale & Towne Company.

Following a special audit of the books and accounts of the Stamford National Bank last October, Mr. Travis was discharged by the bank's directors, who issued a statement at the time that he had, against their express orders, made loans aggregating \$17,000 to James A. Sykes and the Sykes Motor Sales Company, Stamford.

This company is an unincorporated concern composed of Sykes and Mr. Travis. It sold automobiles on the easy payment plan.

The Sykes Motor Sales Company is now in the process of bankruptcy and the assets are estimated at less than \$15,000.

On Monday the Common Council ordered his accounts as City Treasurer audited.

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