

### SLAIN HOTEL CLERK IS GERMAN COUNT

Atlantic City Police Believe Robbery or Revenge May Explain Crime.

### MONEY IS MISSING

Reports Trace Large Sums in Hands of Murdered Bavarian.

### FRIEND GIVES HISTORY

Tailor Says Buelow Had Been in America Incognito for Twenty-six Years.

### Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ATLANTIC CITY, April 18.—Detectives on the staff of the county prosecutor, Edmund C. Gaskill, have obtained no information which might help in solving the murder of the St. Charles Hotel clerk, known here for many years as Henry Buelow, but who, according to Stephen Lenz, an Austrian tailor, was in reality Count Heinrich von Pickler of Wurzburg, Bavaria. Lenz told the authorities to-day that the Count, although he had been in the United States for twenty-six years, had kept his identity secret from every one but the tailor, in whom he confided.

The detectives supposed at first that Buelow, or Count von Pickler, had been killed by one of the trolley cars that operate between this resort and Ocean City, but they have abandoned that theory, inclining now to the belief that robbery or revenge is at the bottom of the crime. When his body was found beside the trolley tracks in the meadows near Atlantic City, his head had been beaten with some heavy object, probably a rock, and most of the skull had been crushed. A cap found near the body has been identified as having been sold by Samuel Rotholz, an Atlantic City haberdasher, but Rotholz does not recall who bought it. It is not believed that it belonged to the murdered man, however, as it is of a style usually worn by young men.

The salary earned by the Count von Pickler at the St. Charles Hotel, where he worked in the steward's department, was \$90 a month, but the police say he always had a large roll of bills with him. Several persons have told the police that he worked hard all day, but that at night he frequented the hotels and cabarets. Lenz says the dead man always spent his spare time in the Lent tailor shop, in the poorer section of the city. He told the authorities to-night that he had known Buelow, or Count von Pickler, for eleven years, and that the Count was educated at the University of Wurzburg. After coming to the United States he worked for some time in the steamship office of a man named Small in Philadelphia.

Some years ago he came to Atlantic City, and since then had been working in various hotels. Lenz confirmed the police report that the Count always had plenty of money, and declared that the dead man received remittances from Europe. When the body was found there were bloodstains in the bottom of the pocket in which the Count usually kept his money and only three one dollar bills were found. Only a few days before one of the hotel employees had seen the man with a large roll of bills. He had made no deposits in his bank since January and there was no money in his room.

### OFFICERS' RESERVE CAMPS OPEN JUNE 16

Exception Is Signal Corps, Beginning June 23.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The summer training camp schedule for Officers' Reserve Corps units shows June 16 as the opening date for all camps with the exception of the Signal Corps at Camp Vail, N. J., which will open June 23. The camps will be located as follows:

Infantry—Plattsburg, N. Y., for First, Second and Third Corps areas; Camp Knox, Ky., for Fourth and Fifth Corps areas; Fort Sheridan, Ill., for Sixth Corps; Fort Snelling, Minn., for Seventh Corps; Fort Logan, Col., Eighth Corps; Camp Lewis, Wash., Ninth Corps.

Field Artillery—Camp Knox, Ky., all corps. Cavalry—Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., for Sixth Corps; Monterey, Cal., Seventh to Ninth Corps.

Coast Artillery—Fort Monroe, Va., First to Sixth Corps, and Washington University (St. Louis) unit, and Fort Winfield Scott, Cal., Seventh to Ninth Corps.

Engineer Corps—Camp Humphreys, Va., all corps. Materiel Transport Corps—Camp Holabird, Mo., First to Seventh Corps, and Presidio, San Francisco, Eighth to Ninth Corps.

### LAZARUS ACQUITTED BY ORDER OF COURT

Proof of Extortion Lacking, Says Judge Nott.

Dr. Bernard Lazarus of 448 Central Park West, who was accused of grand larceny, was acquitted yesterday by a jury in General Sessions on instructions of Judge Charles C. Nott, who presided over the trial. Dr. Lazarus was indicted jointly with Maurice I. Rosenberg, an insurance agent of 134 Nassau street, charged with extorting \$5,000 from Mrs. Rebecca Smith on the representation that they could obtain a commutation of the sentence of her husband, Jacob, who was serving five to ten years in Auburn prison. Smith was convicted of burning a creamery in Cayuga county in which he had part ownership. Judge Nott held that there was no proof that Mrs. Smith had relied upon the representation of the defendant, in directing the verdict, however, Judge Nott declared that everybody in the case, while not guilty of improper conduct, was at least "guilty of rather poor judgment." He accepted the Cayuga county District Attorney, who opposed a commutation of Smith's sentence. "I regard Dr. Lazarus's conduct as not deserving of the slightest sympathy," Judge Nott said.

### SENATE REPUBLICANS GET MORE GRIP ON COMMITTEES

Majority Party Obtains Extra Place on each Under Reorganization Programme, Which Is Pushed Through on Straight Partisan Vote 44 to 25.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—By a straight party vote, 44 to 25, the Republican majority in the Senate to-day put through its programme of reorganizing committees by giving to the Republicans an extra place on each of the ten major committees.

Discussion of "steam roller" tactics entered to-day into the partisan squabble. On the eve of a vote on the Republican rule Senator Brandegee (Conn.), Republican, in charge of the majority programme, denied that the Democrats were being treated unfairly or had cause for complaint.

"Criticisms are purely professional," said Senator Brandegee. "The Republicans are responsible to the country for legislation and must have control of committees. That's not tyranny; that's representative government—the rule of the majority. The steam roller is about to start."

Senator Reed (Mo.), Democrat, took sharp exception to the "steam roller" suggestion.

"Steam rollerism defies the lips of a Senator," said Mr. Reed. "It means abuse of power, denial of rights."

The Missouri Senator added that he understood Senator Brandegee's reference to be humorous. Senator Brandegee responded that he meant "majority rule."

Action of the Republicans in amending the Senate rules to give the majority nine members and the minority six on each committee was then denounced by Senator Reed as an "intolerant and arbitrary exercise of power." He declared that eventually it would react upon the "progressive Republicans."

Senator Williams (Miss.), Democrat, predicted that the progressives would lose under the new plan, and suggested that a union of the Democrats with a minority of the Republicans might control some affairs in the Senate.

### TAXATION PROGRAMME LEFT TO COMMITTEES

Mellon's Recommendations to Be General.

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Determination of the Administration programme on taxation is to be left to the Ways and Means Committee of the House and the Finance Committee of the Senate.

Recommendations by Secretary Mellon on the subject of taxation and substitutes for the excess profits levy are to be general in their scope and suggest other plans which will be acceptable to the Treasury. No definite recommendation will be made in regard to the policy of the sales tax. Sentiment within the Treasury Department has been somewhat divided, but it is understood Secretary Mellon favors in theory the sales tax plan, but is not prepared to urge any particular schedule.

The Treasury is in a comfortable position so far as immediate needs are concerned. Secretary Mellon stated to-day that payment of \$25,000,000 to Colombia would not be inconvenient. He pointed out that an interest payment from Great Britain just received would more than meet it.

### ESCH IS CONFIRMED, DESPITE LA FOLLETTE

Senate Votes 52 to 3 to Put Ex-Representative on I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The nomination of former Representative Esch of Wisconsin to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission was confirmed to-day by the Senate after unsuccessful opposition by Senator La Follette (Wis.), Republican.

The roll call was 52 to 3, Senator La Follette being joined by two Democrats, Senators Trammell (Fla.) and Watson (Ga.), in opposition.

### SEPARATION SOUGHT BECAUSE OF ABUSE

Mrs. Joseph Pilcer Says Cruelty Drove Her to Attempt Suicide.

Cruelties that led her at one time to attempt suicide and on another occasion forced her to wear a "brace like a straitjacket" for eight weeks are alleged in an action for separation begun yesterday in the Supreme Court by Mrs. Joseph Pilcer of Riverside Drive and 157th street. Her husband, of 618 West 156th street, has an office at 23 Broadway, where he is a large stockholder in the American Levant Syndicate.

Since their marriage, March 15, 1917, his wife alleges, he has struck and abused her, but she has refrained from starting separation proceedings sooner because of his "repeated promises that he would cease drinking." During this time he has threatened to kill her and to abandon her, she alleges, and has taken other women to restaurants and road houses and "publicly kissed and fondled them."

One of his drunken acts on her, she alleges, necessitated a serious operation, and when in February, 1918, she wanted to go to Lakewood, N. J., to recuperate he opposed her so strongly that "she attempted to commit suicide," but a friend of hers telephoned for physicians, who thwarted the attempt.

In July of the same year, her complaint continues, Mr. Pilcer came home "intoxicated," threw her across the bed and struck her. He then attempted to pull the rings off her fingers and as a result her back was sprained. Last September, she further alleges, he came home late, pulled off the bed covers and struck her, and when she called a physician he tried to eject the doctor.

Among other instances of "cruelty," she mentions were that whenever she left home her husband required her to telephone him where she intended going, that he has refused to permit her to have her own friends, that he has refused to allow her to sew or read while he is in the house and that he has tried to force her to drink with him and has "applied vile and profane epithets" when she refused. Through Gerald Rosenheim, her counsel, she asks a "reasonable provision for support."

### BRINDELL CANNOT BE 'BOSS' AT SING SING

All Building Trades Work Is Closed to Him.

Robert P. Brindell will have no opportunity to boss the building trades of Sing Sing as he bossed those of New York city before his conviction for extortion.

Although slated for a carpenter's job, it was said yesterday he will be barred from working on new prison buildings outside the walls. W. Thomas Wooley, chief construction engineer in charge of the work, is said to have expressed the fear Brindell might tie up the job, as he tied up others of considerable importance prior to his exposure by the Lockwood committee.

Furthermore, Warden Lewis E. Lawes is afraid to let a man of Brindell's influence work outside the walls with the "trades."

### GRAFT CHARGES HALT HEALTH NOMINATIONS

Thirty Officials Are Affected in Senate Inquiry.

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The Senate Finance Committee to-day ordered an investigation of more than thirty nominations of officials of the Public Health Service sent to the Senate last week. Pending this investigation, which it is understood is based on grave charges made in executive session to-day by Senator Smoot (Utah), the appointments will not be confirmed.

"One case was brought to our attention," a member of the Finance Committee said, "in which a clerical assistant nominally entitled to about \$1,500 a year has his salary doubled by getting an appointment of a military character."

The promotions in question received by the Senate last week include one surgeon to be senior surgeon, sixteen passed assistant surgeons to be surgeon, eleven assistant surgeons to be passed assistant surgeons, and five doctors to be assistant surgeons.

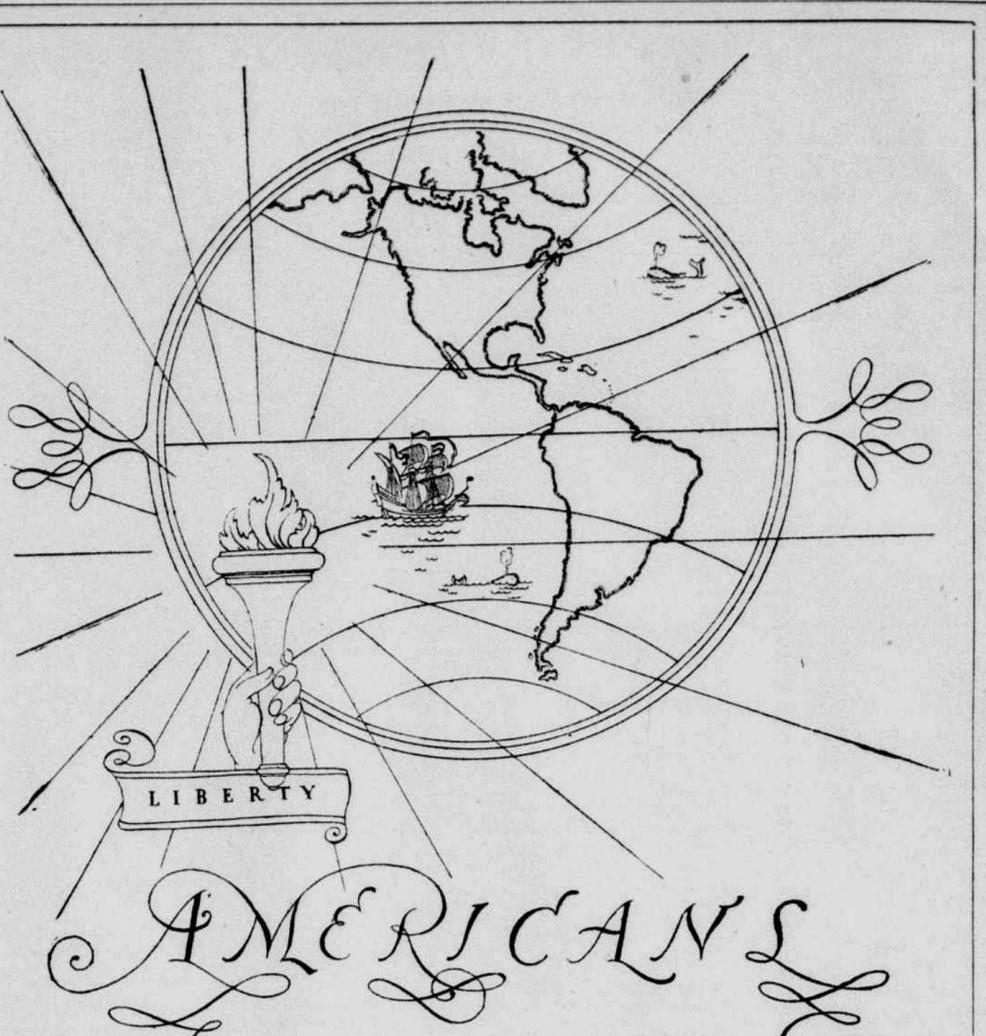
### 60 INCH SEARCHLIGHT FOR MOUNTAIN PARK

California Provides One of the Largest in World.

SCHENECTADY, April 18.—A searchlight sixty inches in diameter has been shipped by the General Electric Company for installation on Mount Tamalpais near San Francisco. This is one of the largest searchlights ever constructed, it was said, there being only two or three as large now in use.

The light was purchased by a joint organization of civic clubs of San Francisco to illuminate an amusement park on the mountain.

The rays of the searchlight will pick up a battleship twelve miles at sea and is 500 times more powerful than the headlight of a locomotive.



## AMERICANS

Today there is unveiled to view in this metropolis of the Western Hemisphere, another monument to Liberty.

The first was nation to nation, commemorating '76; the second is—in spirit—continent to continent, sanctifying the unity of two Americas.

The glory of a mighty crusader for freedom—a Liberator whose lash swept from half the Western world the rule of autocracy—lives in the figure of bronze disclosed today.

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