

FUR BUSINESS SEIZED IN HUGE TAX FRAUDS

Weingold Alleged to Owe \$46,000 Because of Fake Stamp.

16 MORE FIRMS NAMED

Warrants of Dstraint Issued After Arrest of Four in January.

FEDERAL JURY TO ACT

Frank K. Bowers Expects Dealers to Be Frightened Into Payment.

Agents of the Collector of Internal Revenue took possession of the fur business of Barnett Weingold at 158 West Twenty-seventh street yesterday for alleged failure to pay luxury taxes and penalties amounting to \$46,783.22 due to the Government.

Sixteen other furriers are named in warrants of dstraint, under one of which the seizure of Weingold's establishment was made. It is expected that other arrests will follow, but the identity of the other furriers has not been made public. The seizure is the sequence to the arrest six weeks ago of two men in connection with fur tax frauds reaching \$2,000,000.

When Government agents arrested Morris Rosenblum and Herman Schuss on January 25 they found a rubber stamp, a duplicate of that used by cashiers in the internal revenue collector's office, which they charge Rosenblum and Schuss used to defraud the Government. The arrests followed a special investigation by Elmer L. Ivey, Chief Revenue Inspector, of Washington, who came here with several agents to investigate.

Bogus Receipts Stamped.

The plan, according to the agents, was for Rosenblum and Schuss to go to a furrier who paid a luxury sales tax monthly, and for a percentage of the amount of the tax they would stamp a receipt. When an inspector went to investigate the failure of the merchant to pay a tax the latter would show him a receipt which would show receipt and the matter would escape suspicion.

In connection with the arrest of Rosenblum and Schuss, Ben Weiss and Melville Newmark were also taken into custody. All four are out on bail pending a hearing. Rosenblum at the time of his arrest in this case, was out on bail in 1919 when he was dismissed from the Federal service on a charge of accepting a bribe of \$9,000 in another income tax fraud case. He also pleaded guilty a year ago to indictments charging conspiracy with Morris Rachmil and Abraham L. Samuelson in an income tax fraud case.

The seizure of Weingold's business became known only when his attorney, Barnes, Chivers & Halstead, and Isidore Gainsberg of 2 Rector street, appeared before Judge Julian W. Mack in the United States District Court late in the afternoon and obtained an order staying the execution of the warrant of dstraint until Friday, when the case will be heard in United States District Court.

Since the disclosure incident to the arrest on January 25 Frank K. Bowers, Collector, has had accountants going over the books of a large number of furriers. Indictments in these matters are expected from the Federal Grand Jury soon.

\$46,000 in Weingold Case.

According to Mr. Bowers notice was served on firms owing taxes that they had until yesterday to pay the amounts, after a ten day grace. When the time expired the warrants were issued to A. Delasandro, chief field officer, to serve. In Weingold's case the Government alleges that eight monthly payments, varying from \$4,000 to \$5,000, were fraudulently received, which, with the penalty imposed, will amount to more than \$46,000. Mr. Bowers said he expected that most of the dealers on his list would pay Delasandro and thereby avoid service of the warrants, which includes the sealing of the place of business.

The Grand Jury is expected to report to-day on the charges against Rosenblum and Schuss and their two associates.

MRS. OBENCHAIN WEEPS, SO DOES WOMAN JUROR

Accused Slayer Overcome by Plea of Her Lawyer.

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—Tears came to the eyes of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain to-day as she listened to the opening argument in her behalf in her trial on the charge of murdering J. Belton Kennedy.

Alfred F. Macdonald, who made the argument, dealt upon the love which, according to the testimony, existed between the defendant and Kennedy, declaring it showed she had no motive for plotting Kennedy's death.

One of the three women on the jury wept when Mr. Macdonald read a letter Kennedy wrote to Mrs. Obenchain, containing the appeal, "Love me always."

The attorney declared the State's theory that Mrs. Obenchain was a "woman scorned" had been disproved and that "if anything, this was a case of a man scorned."

Asa Keyes, Deputy District Attorney, will make the final argument Thursday.

LANDLORD'S TAXI TRIP FOR JURY IS FAILURE

Asks \$2 a Room Increase, but Gets Scant 50 Cents.

Max Mosner, owner of apartments at 1708 Bathgate avenue, The Bronx, went before Justice Robitsek in Municipal Court yesterday to ask legal permission to raise rents from \$7.50 and \$8 a room to \$10. The Justice said the matter needed investigation.

MOTOR CAR CRASHING DYING BOY TO HOSPITAL IN COLLISION

Rams Street Car After Picking Up Victim Who Had Been Run Down—Policeman in Taxicab Gets Youngster to Bellevue, Where He Dies.

Julius Fischer, 9, son of Joseph Fischer of 125 Second avenue, was playing in the street at Second avenue and St. Mark's place last night when he was run down by an automobile truck driven by Meyer Schreiber of Middlesex Village, L. I. Schreiber stopped the truck and turned around, to see a negro running toward him with the unconscious boy in his arms.

The negro jumped to a seat beside the chauffeur and Schreiber started north on Second avenue, followed by Patrolman Michael Murphy of the Fifth street station in a taxicab. Schreiber kept his siren going full blast and traffic got out of the way of the truck, which made high speed. At Fourteenth street a

cross-town surface car was crossing the avenue and Schreiber tried to get ahead of it.

He cut in ahead of the trolley car, thinking he could get clear, but the truck struck the front end of it, smashing windows and terrifying the passengers, some of whom were cut by glass. The truck was stopped. A moment later Patrolman Murphy came along in his taxicab, grabbed the boy from the arms of the negro, and jumped back into the taxicab.

The policeman ordered the chauffeur to drive at top speed for Bellevue Hospital. The car was reached in a few minutes. Young Fischer was placed at once on the operating table, but died before the surgeons could do anything for him. His chest had been crushed.

CHelsea Village declared flatfooted yesterday against public dance halls. Chelsea girls have worried along for 150 years without a dance hall and they are now organized city-wide to prevent it.

The anti-jazz movement started when Reiner Kaper, a Greenwich villager, applied for a dance hall permit for Eighth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, right in the heart of Chelsea and consequently not far from a church. Yesterday a committee of 100 Chelsea citizens called at the Municipal License Bureau and gave Deputy Commissioner Diamond a piece of their mind.

Greenwich Village girls can bob their hair, if they like, and smoke cigarettes, and giddy Broadway flappers can wear knee high skirts and toddle all night long, but these things must not be done in Chelsea, especially in that particular Twenty-fifth street and Eighth avenue neighborhood, which even in Chelsea shines like a good deed in a naughty world.

The Rev. Thomas A. Thornton, pastor of St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church, which is barely a stone's throw from the proposed menage to Chelsea morals, said the hidden danger of dance halls was the mingling of young girls with young men who "didn't know and didn't care."

He doubted if the dance hall would succeed, because the neighborhood girls would not patronize it, he said, but he feared that it would attract an undesirable element. He was supported by Father Donohue of St. Vincent de Paul and the Rev. Ernest F. Rogers. Other members of the committee were Mrs. William E. Murphy, Tammany leader of the district; Mrs. Elizabeth Duffy, Frank Goodwin, William K. Kavanaugh, Judge Thomas F. Noonan and William E. Murphy.

MORE PLEAS ENTERED IN GAS MANTLE CASE

Five Held in \$2,500—Counsel Criticizes Trust Law.

Pleas of not guilty were entered yesterday by five of the men indicted Monday in the gas mantle "trust" case. Bonds of \$2,500 each were furnished for their appearance at trial. The pleas were heard by Judge A. N. Hand in the United States District Court. Those before the court were:

William Findlay Brown, director of the City Illuminating Company and an assistant District Attorney of Philadelphia; Arthur E. Shaw, vice-president of the same company; Eugene S. Newbold, president of the company; George M. Sanders of New Britain, Conn., and Samuel R. Bodine, president of the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia.

Of those indicted Daniel Morgan and Charles Patterson are the only ones who have not entered pleas.

After bail was fixed yesterday Gerard Glenn of 42 Broadway, counsel for the Cities Illuminating Company, issued a statement in which he said: "Wide publicity seems to have been given to the fact that the Federal Grand Jury has charged our clients with a misdemeanor under the Sherman anti-trust act, but it should be borne in mind that very few people are able to know definitely whether the business which they are conducting violates in any technical respect the provisions of this law, the courts themselves seeming to be unable to furnish certain guide posts in this respect."

SPRING FOR CERTAIN; CIRCUS TEN DAYS OFF

Press Agent Brings Tidings of Opening March 25.

Bearing tidings of the only frivolous camel in captivity and pictures of Toddlie, infant daughter of Mighty Martha, the popular hippopotamus, came Dexter Follows to the city yesterday to inform New York that the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus will appear in Madison Square Garden for a limited period beginning March 25.

Mr. Follows, whose job it is to see that the public is kept informed regarding the circus, arrived in town in the same old overcoat and the identical Trolley hat that he wore that night in the spring of 1914—a night that will not be commented on at this time, although this is no promise of continued absence. That ought to be plenty enough to any press agent. He wore the same overcoat and hat, but he swung a new and dependable walking stick presented to him by the Wholesale Suits Guild of Grantham, Mass. It is one of the finest pieces of sassafras root this city has ever seen and it is topped off with a ball of silver properly inscribed.

Mr. Follows declined to talk about the frivolous camel further than to say that the beast has laughed ever since arriving in America. Toddlie weighs but 100 pounds, but she is only two weeks old. Mr. Follows said he would try to return to New York before the circus opened, but left word, in case he should forget it, that inquiries be sent to descend on us and that the circus press agent is her prophet.

MISS MCCOY A CANDIDATE.

Miss Margaret J. McCoy, principal of Public School 47 at Pacific and Dean streets, Brooklyn, is among the ten candidates retained by the Board of Superintendents as applicants for the position of District Superintendent of Schools in Brooklyn. Miss McCoy is a sister of John H. McCoy, Democratic leader of Kings county.

DIER RECEIVER HAS \$400,000 FOR FUND

Ehrlich Thinks Creditors Had Best Settle on His Basis.

DENIES ANY MYSTERY

Stoneham Contribution Regarded as Lawyers' Achievement.

TESTIMONY SUPPRESSED

Appeared at Bar Association on Holiday to Tell His Side of Failure.

Disclosures yesterday in the failure of the brokerage house of E. D. Dier & Co. were that the examination of Charles A. Stoneham has been completed by attorneys for the receiver and has not been made public for various reasons, and that the receiver, Manfred W. Ehrlich, has \$400,000 in hand toward the establishing of the creditors' fund.

It was learned that E. D. Dier, head of the brokerage house, is in the city and will be recalled to the witness stand soon to complete his testimony. Consolidation of several of the various independent committees of Dier creditors is under way for a general meeting next week. Many creditors will meet Seaman Miller, referee, at his offices at 2 Rector street on Monday to hear an offer of settlement from attorneys for the receiver and their own representatives.

DENIES ALL MYSTERY.

Mr. Ehrlich made a detailed statement of money collected by him for the creditors' fund, and reviewed the general situation as it stands after more than six weeks of investigation. He said:

"There is no mystery at all about the E. D. Dier bankruptcy proceeding. We have taken thousands of pages of testimony before the United States Commissioner, Mr. Gilchrist, and before the referee in bankruptcy, Seaman Miller. But instead of involving the creditors in the enormous expense of litigation we have quietly negotiated the following contributions:

Table listing contributions: Charles A. Stoneham \$200,000, Col. Henry D. Hughes 100,000, Bernard F. Shrimpton 25,000, Lawrence H. Starr 25,000, Mrs. E. D. Dier 50,000. Total \$400,000.

The settlement of Mrs. E. D. Dier has not yet been finally closed."

Stoneham Heard on Holiday.

Regarding the testimony of Charles A. Stoneham, which was taken at the New York Bar Association rooms on a holiday, February 22, and not before Commissioner Gilchrist, as was most of the testimony, Mr. Ehrlich says:

"We have finally prevailed upon Stoneham to contribute \$200,000 to a fund of \$400,000 which we hope to raise for my attorneys in obtaining a contribution of \$200,000 from Mr. Stoneham a very brilliant achievement. Both Mr. Stoneham and Mr. Robertson were examined at length in the presence of the attorney for the Milwaukee creditors, and Mr. Follie, who I understand then represented the committee, which is now represented by O. H. Carpenter. The testi-

M'ANENY TELLS HYLAN WHY HE WAS CURBED

Bill Due to 'Deep Distrust' of City's Stand on Rapid Transit.

O'BRIEN SHAKES FIST

Denounces Everett of Potsdam for Street Car Paving Bill at Albany Hearing.

ROW OVER 5 CENT FARES

Mayor and Rapid Transit Chairman Look Horns Over This Issue, Too.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Albany, March 14.

George McAneny, chairman of the Transit Commission, told Mayor Hyman frankly to-day that the reason why the city is not to have a voice in the board of control which is to regulate New York's rapid transit under the reorganized system is because of a deep seated distrust of the whole Hyman administration.

They met at a hearing before the Senate Public Service Committee on several proposed amendments to the transit act. It was like one of the meetings of the Board of Estimate. Corporation Counsel John O'Brien and Assemblyman Edward A. Everett of Potsdam almost came to blows, with the former shaking his fist close to the Assemblyman's nose and shouting: "The gentleman from Potsdam, where they have no railroads, is trying to sneak one over that would cost New York \$15,000,000 a year!"

One of the proposed amendments changes the law so that the Transit Commission may become members of the board of control. City officials opposition it. They say New York's administration will have no voice in the management of the traction system, in which the city has invested millions.

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Mr. McAneny said investigation showed that the average fare paid in the city of New York was six and one-tenth cents and taking into account a default of \$12,500,000 from city revenues from certain lines, which the taxpayers had to meet, the average fare amounts really to seven and one-tenth cents."

The Mayor asked Mr. McAneny if it was true that the Interborough was going to abandon its lease of the Manhattan elevated, and the chairman said the commission had no information on the subject.

The row between Messrs. O'Brien and Everett came during the hearing on the bill relieving railroads from paving expenses between tracks. Assemblyman Everett urged favorable consideration of the bill.

Leaving his seat beside the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel shook the Mayor, the Assemblyman Everett's face, missing it by about one inch.

"Godmother of the Railroads."

"This is an old trick of the corporations," Mr. O'Brien shouted. "You come from Potsdam, where there is not a yard of street railway tracks, so you are safe from the public objection and criticisms such as a representative of a city where there are transit lines would get. It seems strange to me that a legislator from such a country district would sponsor a bill which is the godmother of the railroads."

Mr. Everett tried to halt Mr. O'Brien, but the latter threw down a handful of pictures showing the conditions of street railroads.

"You are trying to sneak through a bill giving a big present to the railroads," Mr. O'Brien continued. "This is unconstitutional!"

"I want to say to you that I do not apologize for any measure that I introduce, and what is more"—Mr. Everett interrupted.

"I would like to have a private hearing with you on this bill after this session," Mr. O'Brien said, shaking his fist and pointing outside.

The amendments are expected to pass. The paving bill will not.

ACTRESS TO GIVE UP STUDENT HUSBAND

Geneva Mitchell, 17, to Seek Annulment of Marriage to Robert Savage, 20.

According to her grandfather a suit for the annulment of the marriage between Geneva Mitchell, aged 17, chorus girl in "Sally," and Robert Savage, aged 20, son of the late John A. Savage, Western steel manufacturer, will be started this week by the girl's mother. Young Mr. Savage is understood to be on his way to San Diego to see his mother, who is said to have remarked that "Robert will have to wait a long time before he receives any felicitations from me."

Geneva herself at the New Amsterdam Theater last night would neither affirm nor deny the truth of her grandfather's statement. "I'll tell you everything Thursday," she said to reporters. "I expect everything will be decided then."

No, Geneva said, she had not seen Mr. Savage since Saturday night, when she handed him her wedding ring and closed the door of her apartment on him.

Geneva's grandfather, S. W. Rice, pointed out the very spot in the hallway of the apartment house at 307 West Ninety-eighth street at which Geneva turned over the ring. He said that when she told him about her marriage he told her to stick by the boy if she loved him.

But Geneva, Mr. Rice declared, replied, "I don't even like him. I want to be rid of him."

"She told me she was going to Milwaukee before she ran off," said Mr. Rice. "But I had no idea she intended to get married. I'm very sorry that it happened, but I'm sure there will be no difficulty about the annulment. They are both under age."

Mrs. Verna Mitchell, mother of the girl, said she thought her daughter married before she had any idea of what she was doing. "Geneva is too young to know her own mind," she declared. "If she decides that she has made a mistake I will take steps to have the marriage annulled."

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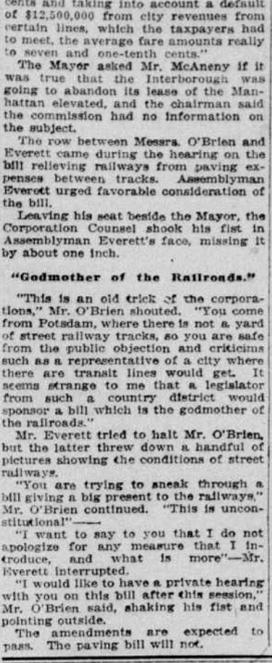
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