

SEMENOFF CANNOT BELIEVE IT SERIOUS 'Never Heard' of Youroveta Company and Disdains Harbin Judgment.

WIFE BEFORE RECEIVER Says Family Could Never Raise \$478,578 to Cover Alleged Theft.

'TREASURE BOX' MYSTERY Friends Here Give No Information: 'Bandit' Charges Denounced.

"A judgment obtained from a court in Harbin? I can scarcely believe you are serious. A court in Harbin? Well, I might say it is like the wind, here now and gone to-morrow. At any rate I assure you I know nothing about the property of the Youroveta Home and Foreign Trade Company. Is there proof that I made off with this property? There is an error, I assure you. I never heard of Youroveta."

Thus Gen. Gregory Semenov, late leader of the Cossack opposition to Bolshevism in the Far Eastern Republic, defended himself yesterday in the office of his lawyer, George W. Glaze, 217 Broadway. The General, who was arrested on Thursday night in civil proceedings instigated by the defunct Youroveta company, the receivers for which claim that he or his hard riding soldiers stole \$478,578 worth of woolen goods and furs from them in Tshita, Trans-Baikal, in 1919, had just returned from the offices of Peter B. Olney, receiver, 68 William street, where Mme. Semenov had testified before Mr. Olney that she knew nothing about the theft; that she knew nothing about her husband's finances, and that she was quite sure that the Semenov family could never scrape together \$478,578 or anything approximating that amount.

Besides the delightful wife of the Mongol soldier, who, according to the complaint, is a bandit and an exceedingly rough personage, testimony was taken from George Krupsky and his brother Nikolaus, friends of the General. The Krupskys were questioned along lines that indicate that the complainants suspected they knew something about the General's rumored vast fortune. The Krupskys have a warehouse containing nothing of impressive appearance at 64 West Sixty-fifth street.

Will Move to Vacate Jail.

George declared himself a colonel and former military attaché to the Russian Embassy in Paris. Both he and his brother declared that they had no financial relations with the General, and despite the fact that the attorneys for the receivers for the Youroveta say that they had the General shadowed by detectives since his arrival in America on March 17 and know that he has been in telegraphic and postal communication with the brothers, they denied it.

There was much mysterious talk about a great treasure box. The Krupskys said they had never heard of it. The General said he was all news to him. His wife insisted that it was all foolish talk, and even Davis W. Kahn, one of the attorneys for the receiver, shrugged his shoulders and let it be known that he was a trifle uncertain about it.

They tried to impart the idea to Mr. Olney that the Krupskys had acted as the General's fiscal agents here, but Mr. Olney said there was no such thing as adduced thus far. The General did not testify. He will appear in Mr. Kahn's office to-day and repeat the statement that he is innocent and more or less dumfounded by his arrest.

Mr. Glaze, his lawyer, intends instituting proceedings at once to have the order calling upon him to post \$4,000 bail vacated. The lawyer will ask the court to dismiss the proceedings on the ground that the action in Harbin has no standing here and that no copy of the judgment is attached to the papers. Mr. Kahn says that he has the necessary copy.

Mme. Semenov testified that it was her necktie, valued by rumor at \$69,000, that was put up as security for her husband's bail. She said she married the General in Tshita, in August, 1920, and that they are on their way to Paris, where they expect financial assistance.

Incidentally, it is hardly likely that the Semenovs will sail for Europe next Tuesday, as planned. The bonding company is holding the steamer tickets while the security is being examined.

No Charge of Murder.

Two interpreters were necessary when Mme. Semenov took the stand. At first she was rather excited and inclined to tears. Later she steadied down and was most self-possessed. Her testimony can be summed up by saying that she knew absolutely nothing about the Youroveta nor its property nor the business affairs of the General.

Mr. Glaze was particularly incensed concerning the charges made by Major Gen. Graves and Charles H. Smith, who were transferred from Fox Hills Hospital to Bellevue Hospital, died there yesterday. He suffered from shrapnel wounds.

VETERAN DIES IN BELLEVUE.

Patriek McGinn, 51, of No. 1506 Willow avenue, Washawken, an ex-soldier, who was transferred from Fox Hills Hospital to Bellevue Hospital, died there yesterday. He suffered from shrapnel wounds.

\$500,000 in Money Orders Will Go Back to Senders

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Almost half a million dollars in international money orders, issued from American post offices in 1916 and 1917 to residents of Germany, held up during the war period by British and American authorities and now unclaimed by those to whom they were issued, will be returned to the senders. Recently the Post Office Department sent to the German postal authorities a complete list of money orders in its possession and to-day a list of \$4,871 was returned "unclaimed." It was assumed that those for whom the money was intended either had been killed or could not be located and postmasters throughout the country will now be instructed to locate the original senders and return the money.

OLIVIA STONE SEES ACQUITTAL AS WARRING

Jury Thought of 'Their Own,' Says Kinkead's Slayer.

Olivia M. P. Stone declared yesterday that the verdict of the jury acquitting her of the murder of Ellis Guy Kinkead was "a message to the world from men who did not know when their own might not be placed in the same situation that I was." She said she wasn't going to the movies. She expects to visit Cincinnati soon and then return to New York city and practice her profession as a nurse here. "I am not bitter concerning the verdict," said Kinkead's lawyer in his apartment at 43 South Elliott place. "It was the case of a woman and her story was a plausible one. But I do not believe it, and Ellis never deserves such a fate. I have practically nothing—no funds—nothing."

COBB ATTACKS HARRISS CHAUFFEUR CARD PLAN

Says Punch System Treats All Offenders Alike.

Magistrate W. Bruce Cobb, in the Traffic Court, yesterday criticized the suggestion of Dr. John A. Harris, Deputy Police Commissioner, in charge of traffic, that automobile drivers and taxicab chauffeurs be provided with cards to be punched by traffic policemen for each minor infraction of the traffic regulations. "The city is greatly indebted to Dr. Harris for the Fifth avenue tower system, but his blue and red card ten violation scheme for minor traffic offenses must be classed with his proposed Central Park parking cavern, said Magistrate Cobb. "Every case should be carefully examined by a magistrate on the facts, whereas a punch card system treats everything alike. In the long run such a system would tend to make the police officer the judge, and when it came to the tenth offense it would put a tremendous temptation on the officer to yield to bribery or influence, or at least to be a good fellow, because the offender would know that he was at the end of his rope and in for drastic punishment."

FOUR ADRIFT, SAVED IN HELPLESS BOAT

Police Launch Finds Two Men and Two Women.

For hours last night three police boats searched through the haze about Sheephead Bay for a thirty foot launch owned by William Campbell of 319 Mermald avenue, Coney Island, which, with Campbell, another man and two women, was being driven out to sea by a strong gale.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon telephone calls began reaching Police Headquarters that a launch was in distress off Steeplechase. Many persons on the shore had heard the motor stall and then saw the men, after attempting to start it again, signal that they were in danger. One man took off his shirt and began waving it. The gale was blowing stiffly and the water was getting rougher every minute.

Police Headquarters wiredless to the police boat John F. Hylan in charge of Capt. William Bailey, and the police launch Blue Boy, both on duty in the Narrows watching for run runners. A few minutes later police launch No. 6 was notified. The three boats started for the bay. When darkness came the little launch was lost to sight as it was being driven further out to sea. Patrolman Bruggman, in charge of launch No. 6, finally found Campbell's launch and in spite of the choppy sea landed all passengers in safety.

DRIVER IS NOT BLAMED FOR ROOSEVELT DEATH

Municipal Bus Not Cause of Mortal Injuries.

David Zalkin, 27, chauffeur of a municipal bus operating in Eighty-first street, was exonerated yesterday of all blame in connection with the death of Robert B. Roosevelt, Jr., of Bayshore, L. I. Mr. Roosevelt died in Knickerbocker Hospital last Friday a few hours after he had been found unconscious at Eighty-first street and Columbus avenue. He had been run down by an automobile, and a police investigation resulted in the arrest of Zalkin on a charge of homicide.

When the chauffeur, who lives at 288 Keep street, Brooklyn, was arraigned in West Side court yesterday Magistrate Nolan dismissed the complaint on motion of Henry H. Goodman, Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Goodman's motion was made after George Wellman of 61 Exchange place, attorney for the Roosevelt family, had told the court that he had examined the car and was convinced that the defendant was not responsible for the accident.

Boy Escaping Randalls Island Battled Tide Two Miles to Land

James Trondetta, 15, of 27 Grand street, for whom the police have been searching for the last nine months following his escape from the House of Refuge on Randall's Island, was arrested last night as he was entering a moving picture theater at Canal and Thompson streets. He will be sent back to complete his sentence.

Trondetta served but two months of fifteen after being convicted last May of stealing a horse and wagon loaded with merchandise worth \$5,000. The authorities never knew how he escaped, at 2 o'clock in the morning of July 16, until he was arrested last night. He told the story at Headquarters.

DEFIES COURT WRIT TO KEEP PRISONERS

Chief Warren Holds Fort in Train With Pound and Starkloff Against Big Odds.

LAWYER SHOUTS IN VAIN

Exciting Scenes When Aged Bunco Artists Depart for Dunkirk.

Chief of Police John J. Warren of Dunkirk came to New York city yesterday to take George Post and E. A. Starkloff, famous old time confidence men and bunco steers, back to Dunkirk, where they are wanted for swindling a farmer out of \$12,000. He took the train at 12:30, although to do it he had to defy the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the Police Department of New York city and Lawyer Sam Furstenberg. And in so emulating Ajax such a fuss was raised in a New York Central car that the train crew put Lawyer Furstenberg and the Police Department, as represented by Detective Joseph Daly, off the train at 125th street.

Post and Starkloff, who have been known to the police of the United States for almost fifty years, were turned over to Chief Warren in the Jefferson Market Court a few minutes before noon, and the Chief promptly hurried them to the Grand Central Terminal to catch the 12:25 express. Lawyer Furstenberg rushed to the Supreme Court and obtained a writ of habeas corpus, which directed that the prisoners be produced before Justice Delehanty at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Daly was summoned and went with Furstenberg to serve the writ.

The detective and the lawyer arrived at the terminal just before the train pulled out. They were in a hurry, particularly the lawyer, and he hustled into the train in such a manner that a negro porter who had been much interested in the handcuffs that encircled the wrists of Post and Starkloff, called out to Chief Warren to look out—two bad guys had come to rescue his prisoners.

Drawing Room His Fort.

The chief hustled Post and Starkloff into the drawing room of the car. He made them sit in a corner and he took a seat where he could see through the glass door, drawing his revolver and standing ready to repel rescue gangs.

Accompanied by a group of yelling porters, Furstenberg and Daly hurried into the car. They tried to get into the drawing room, but the door was locked. So they stood outside and yelled.

"I've got a writ of habeas corpus to serve on you," shouted the lawyer.

"Serve it on yourself!" retorted Chief Warren.

"You got to take it!" said the detective. "These men must go before the Judge."

"I am the chief," said Warren, "and these men are in my custody."

The lawyer and the detective tried to force open the door. They failed. They tried to get the train crew to open it. Chief Warren twisted his gun and threatened terrible things. Furstenberg shoved the writ under the door. The chief firmly but respectfully shoved it back with his foot, being careful not to accept service by touching it. Lawyer Furstenberg drew his face against the glass door and shouted and shouted and shouted.

On the other side Chief Warren pushed his face against the glass door and gave back shout for shout. Nothing prevented them from biting each other's noses but the glass.

"I am the chief," cried Warren every time Furstenberg waved the writ. "I am the Chief of Police!"

Chief Wins Glaring Match.

The affair finally turned into a glaring match, with the chief an easy victor. Then the shouting and shoving at the door ceased, and the chief never forgot for a moment that he was the chief. He twirled his gun and expressed the belief that the prisoners were going back to Dunkirk in spite of everybody and everything. And finally the noise got so terrific, what with the detective and the lawyer and the chief shouting uncomplimentary things at one another, that the conductor of the train and all his brakemen joined the throng. First they made the porters quit yelling and go back to work. Then they reasoned with the detective and the lawyer, and insisted upon their own rights. The noise must stop that Daly and Furstenberg gave it up as a bad job and left the train at 125th street.

Daly went before Justice Delehanty and explained what had happened, and the court absolved him from all blame. Furstenberg said last night that to-day he would ask for an order for the Dunkirk chief to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt. Justice Delehanty said last night that he had heard the story and if the circumstances were as related he would take appropriate action.

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DUNHAM FILES ANSWER TO WIFE'S DIVORCE SUIT

Desertion Charge Denied by J. Ogden Armour's Adviser.

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THREE MOVING DAYS PLAN FOR NEXT FALL

Idea of City of 6,000,000 Held to October 1 Ridiculous,' Says Van Man.

WOULD CHANGE LEASES

Sept. 1, Oct. 1 and Nov. 1 Expiration Dates in Proposed System.

A concerted movement by the chief agencies affected by moving day congestion to spread the terminating dates of New York city housing leases over about three months has been put under way, it was said yesterday, with more promise than hope, although to do it he had to defy the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the Police Department of New York city and Lawyer Sam Furstenberg. And in so emulating Ajax such a fuss was raised in a New York Central car that the train crew put Lawyer Furstenberg and the Police Department, as represented by Detective Joseph Daly, off the train at 125th street.

John G. Neeser, president of the Manhattan Storage and Warehouse Company, and Walter C. Reid of the storage and warehouse department of the Lincoln Safe Deposit Company sponsored the movement on behalf of the storage and warehouse men, while Charles F. Morris of the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse Company and president of the Van Owners Association of Greater New York is engaged in enlisting the cooperation of the moving van men.

The idea, which has received the indorsement of those back of the move, is to arrange a system by which housing leases of \$2,000 a year or less would be made to expire on September 1 each year; those of \$2,000 to \$6,000 on October 1, and from \$6,000 upward on November 1.

"The idea of a city of 6,000,000 getting up and moving on the same day is ridiculous and antiquated," Mr. Morris of the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse Company said yesterday. "The public is entitled to better service than we can give under those conditions, and our industry should not be subjected to the exactions required by those conditions. It is a movement for the benefit of all concerned and should, since wartime conditions have been removed, receive the enthusiastic support of the public."

"If the suggestion to distribute the expiration dates of leases in some such way as has been described is adopted the situation might be very materially improved," Mr. Reid said. "The low priced apartments are needed early through a desire to get located in time to start the children to school. The medium renters seldom return to the city before October 1 and the others later in the season."

"Some such arrangement would be the means of distributing the work of the furniture mover, the painter and other houseworkers over a period of three months, avoiding the present great rush about October 1. If work could be distributed as suggested a smaller equipment would be necessary. This would mean a lower cost and better service all along the line."

The New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association has taken the matter up and is planning a campaign with the cooperation of civic and industrial organizations to accomplish a change of system. It is pointed out that the Chicago Real Estate Board has a similar plan under way, but is even going New York one better and advocating four spring and four fall moving dates. President Morris of the Van Owners Association said yesterday that upward of 90 per cent of New York's leaseholders who move do so on or about October 1 because of the antiquity of the lease.

Another meeting for further discussion of the subject and proposals will be called probably early next week.

SPECIAL JURY ASKED FOR NEXT ENO TRIAL

Men of Extra Intelligence Needed, Says Shearn.

Surrogate Foley reserved decision yesterday on an application by the executors of the will of Amos F. Eno for a special or struck jury to try the next contest of the will which is on the calendar for April 17.

Clarence J. Shearn, counsel for the executors, told the Surrogate that the mass of fact and testimony to be considered by the jury requires men of more than ordinary intelligence and experience. The first trial of the contest took seven weeks and the last five weeks.

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WANAMAKER WEEK Many Notable Events Today, close a memorable seven days

Real Merit Does Not Need any pushing to get to the front. The home-made endeavor of honest personal effort to use his own facilities may carry a man forward. It may take time, but keeping on the track each day with a fixed purpose will show some progress toward the wished-for goal. [Signed] J. H. Wanamaker April 8, 1922.

Young Women's Frocks, \$38, \$55, \$65 Our \$59.50 to \$135 grades "Silk Crepes"—says Paris—the keynote of the sale— Crepe de chine—crepe Roma—Canton crepe—Georgette crepe—and other lovely crepe weaves. Chiffon and lace—because Paris includes them when it comes to dinner and dance frocks, in the new and fascinating yellows and reds. Day dresses in the beautiful shades of beige, rust, cocoa, browns and blues chosen for this season—also in navy blue, black, gray, white and mode.

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CAMEE Candy—2 pounds for the price of one \$1.75, today for 2 pounds. Street Floor, Old Building, Eighth Gallery, New Building Virgin wool-filled Comforters at \$4.25 Lowest price in many years. Seventh Gallery, New Building \$150 Theo. Haviland Dinner Sets—for \$75 108 piece sets. Perfect. Two designs. Second Gallery, New Building

Women's hats, \$8.50—special collection for Wanamaker Week. Women's twill suits, hair-line stripes—\$45—only 50. \$11.75 fringed eponge sports skirts for \$8.75. Girls' \$15.50 to \$19.75 topcoats—for \$11.75 and \$17.50. 5 swagger models, typical flapper coats for girls of 6 to 16 years. Second Floor, Old Building

Rare collection of Coats, Capes Wraps—\$38, \$48, \$58, \$98 Our \$47.50 to \$195 grades. Models for every hour of the day from sports coats of imported fabrics and simple trotteur coats of twill—to exquisite afternoon wraps of silk crepe or velvety fabrics. At \$98 many individual models adapted from Rolande Lanvin, Patou, Bernard and Jenny. Women's Fashion Salons Second Floor, Old Building

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\$2.25 to \$3.50 flet lace Tuxedo collars—for \$1.85. \$3.50 radium foulards, 60 patterns, extra heavy weight—for \$1.85 yd. 503 pairs saddle-strap pumps and oxfords, flapper style—for \$5.85. \$5 Poiret twill and tricotine, 54 inches wide—for \$3.90 yd. First Floor, Old Building

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