

## TILT PRESAGED AS ROOSEVELT GOES ON GRILL IN LIBEL SUIT

Cross-Examination By Barnes' Counsel Begins Tamely, and Semi-Tilts Forecast Real Clashes.

Colonel Polite and Specific in Answers, But Tartness Comes Out During Testimony.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 22.—Colonel Roosevelt today went on the stand under cross-examination in the libel suit of William Barnes. His expected grilling began tamely, devoid of expected thrills. The colonel divested himself of belligerency and Barnes' counsel did not plunge into badgering tactics.

The colonel took the staff about 11:30 and his cross-examination was expected to continue all afternoon. He will be followed by his former secretary in the White House, William Loeb.

During the first hour's cross-inquiry before the noon recess the colonel gave few important additions to his testimony.

He was calm, without bluster, almost to the point of lethargy.

TART AT TIMES.

At times he snapped back tart answers; sometimes they were tinged with humor. He pursued out his lips and bared his teeth, with his lower jaw protruding, when he hammered home a point, slapping the arm of his chair. But these small shows of Rooseveltian energy were scarce during the first hour. Sometimes, however, storm clouds gathered on his face, giving promise of clashes to come.

Barnes at first took a seat where he could gaze squarely at the colonel, who, however, directed his eyes to Barnes' lawyer, conducting the cross-examination.

Whole History Traced. Roosevelt's earliest political history was traced. He did not "come back" when Barnes' counsel questioned his residence eligibility to run for governor in 1888. His affidavit that he was a resident of Washington, and not of New York—a political history, and decided by the courts in Roosevelt's favor—did not cause his temper to rise.

Before the cross-examination, Roosevelt testified that he had alleged libelous statements primarily to reach New York voters during the campaign in 1912. He said he expected it to be published in full in New York, and hoped in part throughout the country.

Before Roosevelt was recalled, documents put in by Barnes as a "boss" in league with "Boss" Murphy, and the personal beneficiary of graft of the "boss" in Albany, were introduced by the Roosevelt side.

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## TREASURY LOSES ITS INDIVIDUAL TOWELS

Visitors Suspected of Mistaking Them for Gifts—Ire of Chief Clerk Aroused.

The Treasury Department, which initiated a nation-wide crusade against the common paper towel, is finding difficulty in maintaining the individual towel system in its own building, because of theft of these towels.

Several years ago Chief Clerk Wilmet abolished the roller towel in the department building, and soon thereafter the Public Health Service made a national crusade and prohibited rolled towels in Government buildings and on the common carriers of the country.

## Allies Put Ban On Peace Women

Delegates From Russia, France And Great Britain Will Not Participate.

LONDON, April 22.—That the proposed women's peace conference at The Hague will not have the participation of the Russian, French, and British women delegates loomed up as a strong possibility today.

The Russian and French governments already have prohibited their subjects taking part in the conference.

The British delegates, already appointed, have so far been unable to arrange transportation, and unless the government arranges to convey them to Holland they can take no part in the gathering.

## MRS. G. T. GUERNSEY WILL RUN IN 1917

Defeated for President General of D. A. R., Kansas Woman Announces Candidacy.

Encouraged by her showing and the widespread support accorded her in her campaign to overthrow the administration ticket, Mrs. George Thomas Guernsey, defeated by 461 to 86 for president general of the D. A. R., today announced her candidacy for 1917.

Cheers, shouts, waving of handkerchiefs, and the singing of "Dixie" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" to the accompaniment of the bugler from the United States Marine Band, greeted Mrs. William Cumming Story, who was re-elected, as she stepped upon the platform today.

Mrs. Story acknowledged the greetings, and proceeded with the program. But when the question of the D. A. R. tour to the Panama-Pacific Exposition in September was under discussion, Mrs. Story made indirect reference to the Western faction.

"I feel that this Western tour will do much to harmonize and unite the society," she said. "More than anything else can do. Eastern daughters will have the chance to see thousands of middle Western and far Western daughters who never come to the conventions."

Outline Tour Plans. Through dozens of States the excursionists will go, one through the Southern States, and another by way of Chicago over a northern route, and representatives of more than a dozen States this morning told of plans already being made to give an ovation to Eastern daughters as they went westward.

Mrs. Story announced an invitation extended to the daughters by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, who desires to entertain them for a day, and who will send a special train to San Francisco to transport the excursionists to her country place.

By a rising vote the thanks of the society was extended to Mrs. Hearst and also to Mrs. Charles B. Goldsborough, chairman of the committee on transportation.

Paid All Expenses. When Mrs. Goldsborough made her report her announcement that her committee not only had paid all expenses of the committee's work, including printing, but was ready to turn over \$200 to the Continental Hall fund, she was greeted by an ovation from the daughters.

Mrs. Story announced that she wished later to present the newly elected officers, but would defer that ceremony until more of the daughters were in the hall.

The session was opened this morning with prayer by the Rev. Henry F. Couden, chaplain of the House. The reading of the minutes of yesterday afternoon's session was postponed because they were not yet completed.

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## DEFEAT FOR BRYAN IN IOWA SELECTION

Secretary Fails to Bring About Appointment of "Dry" Committeeman in State.

Secretary of State Bryan failed to bring about the election of a "dry" national committeeman in Iowa.

Recently he wrote a letter to a member of the State committee in which he urged that the Democratic party divorce itself from the liquor interests, and that someone be chosen committeeman who was for prohibition.

The State committee has just held a meeting, and filled the vacancy on the national committee caused by appointment of Judge Martin J. Wade to the Federal bench. The committee chose Wilbur Marsh, of Waterloo, a millionaire manufacturer and prominent politician, who had the support of the Democratic organization, and who was opposed by Secretary Bryan.

Although this is a defeat for Secretary Bryan, the selection of Mr. Marsh gives much satisfaction among leading factors in the national committee here and among some of the Cabinet.

## ADAMS STORE AFIRE MONDAY, POLICE ALLEGE

Officials Tell of an Incendiary Attempt 48 Hours Prior to \$30,000 Blaze.

RIGID INVESTIGATION ON  
With One Man Under Arrest, Authorities Continue to Probe Cause of Blaze.

Police and fire officials investigating the \$30,000 blaze in the crockery and glassware store of the E. H. Adams Company, 124 Pennsylvania avenue, today learned that less than forty-eight hours before the fire was discovered there yesterday afternoon an attempt had been made to set fire to the place.

Late Monday afternoon employees discovered a large bag of coals, which had been left near one of the stairways, in flames, but it was extinguished without the aid of the firemen.

One colored man is under arrest and a most rigid inquiry is being made by the police to discover the reason for the three large fires and one small one that have occurred in the Adams store since September 23 last.

Employe Under Arrest. The man being held by the police is Clinton Robinson, twenty-four years old, an employe of the firm. The blotter of the Sixth precinct shows him as being held for "investigation." Fire department officials and members of the firm are agreed that the recent fires have been started on one of the upper shelves on the second floor. No one was supposed to be at work on the floor at the time, but a number of employes were passing from the first to the third floor and back, and it was one of them that discovered the fire.

Several dozen brooms were stored about where the fire broke out and a match dropped among them may have been responsible for the blaze. Fire department officials estimated the loss to the building and contents at \$30,000 yesterday, but this morning it was found that a large part of the stock could be salvaged.

Neighboring firms which sustained damage by smoke or water were the National Cash Company, Manhattan Coffee Mills, Inc., and T. T. Keane & Co., wholesale meats.

Returns to Home. Fireman Carl Weston, of Truck No. 3, who was knocked from a ladder by a bursting hose and later taken to Emergency Hospital for treatment, spent last night at home, and is much improved today. He sustained a slight concussion of the brain and painful bruises.

Firemen were on duty at the building nearly all night last night, and shortly before 11 o'clock a spark had been smoldering in the roof burst into flame, and Engine Company No. 14 was called to extinguish it.

## WILSON COMMUTES CLARK'S SENTENCE

Investigation Showed Convicted Man Was Blackmailed By Gang of Counterfeiters.

President Wilson today commuted to one year the five-year sentence of Joseph P. Clark, convicted in New York last September of counterfeiting, when subsequent investigation showed that Clark had been the victim of blackmailing counterfeiters.

Evidence obtained by the Department of Justice showed that Clark had advanced money to a band of counterfeiters to enable them to make their plates and dies, and in realizing the seriousness of his offense, had refused to share in the profits of the counterfeiters or to assist them in circulating their bogus bills.

His associates, the evidence shows, attempted to blackmail him into remaining in the gang by threatening exposure, and did cause his arrest when he refused to join with them. The entire gang was arrested, but on the evidence obtained after their conviction, President Wilson commuted Clark's sentence to expire in July.

The President also commuted to expiration of the Department of Justice, one who was given a life sentence at Muskogee, Okla., eight years ago on an assault charge.

## Harries to Retire As Militia Head

Notifies Secretary Garrison He Will Quit As Brigadier General in Near Future.

Gen. George H. Harries gave notice today to Secretary of War Garrison of his intention to retire as head of the National Guard of the District of Columbia. General Harries said that he could not give the necessary attention to the affairs of the Guard.

Secretary Garrison said after the conference that he would make formal application for retirement immediately. It is understood that pressure of business makes General Harries feel that he cannot give the necessary attention to the affairs of the Guard.

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Mr. Brownlow said: "It is untrue that I have said any thing that would reflect unfavorably on the accounts of the playgrounds department. No question of moral turpitude, or anything of that nature, is involved in this matter. It is impossible for me or anyone else to say what is or what is not involved."

Martin Is Silent. "Apparent irregularities involving the funds of the office came to the attention of the Commissioners. These apparent irregularities were of such a nature that they could not be explained by a simple statement."

Superintendent Martin at his home, 251 Thirtieth street northwest, said today that he would have no statement for publication until his report is in the hands of the commissioner. Loyalty to the Commissioners, he said, prevented his saying anything at this time.

Corporation Counsel Conrad H. Syme, Mayor Raymond W. Fulton, superintendent of police, and Deputy Auditor Donovan were in conference with Commissioner Brownlow yesterday afternoon. The statement that "no question of moral turpitude" is involved was made by Mr. West.

Minor Arranging Ainsmith Appeal. Benjamin F. Minor, president of the Washington Baseball Club, called at Police Court today and arranged to file a motion for a new trial for Eddie Ainsmith, the catcher for the Nationals, sentenced by Judge Pugh yesterday to serve thirty days in the workhouse on a charge of assaulting Douglas E. Edener, a street car motorman. Four days are allowed in which to file the motion.

No appeal to the Court of Appeals is possible unless it is allowed by that court itself on a writ of error. Inasmuch as no exceptions were taken by Ainsmith at the trial, there were doubtless grounds on which to base an appeal.

Buildings Wrecked, Six Bodies Found. Ten More Believed To Be In Debris of Structure Hit By Falling Wall. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 22.—Six bodies had been taken up to noon today from the ruins of the two buildings wrecked last night by the fall of the wall of a structure gutted by fire in December.

At least ten more were believed to be in the debris. Twelve men and women have been rescued alive, some badly injured. The buildings, which had stores on their lower floors, were filled with clerks and customers at the time of the accident and surprise were expressed that the casualty list was not longer.

## U.S. SHIP TAKES 300 REFUGEES FROM MEXICO

Penniless Workers, Driven From Oil Fields By Fighting, Going to Texas.

VILLA WOULD OUST HUERTA. Sends Vigorous Protest Against Visit of Former Dictator in America.

Three hundred refugees, driven from employment in the oil fields of north-eastern Mexico by the fighting there between Villa and Carranza, have sailed for the United States on board the army transport Sumner, according to an announcement made today at the State Department.

In the number are 255 Americans, fifteen British subjects, five Germans and five colored persons. Some of them are from the region around Tampico. They will be brought to Galveston, Tex. Many are penniless and will have to be cared for entirely at the expense of the Government. Those more fortunate will be charged for their meals on the Sumner.

Enrique C. Lerente, confidential agent of the provisional government of Mexico, made public today a telegram just received by him from Aguas Calientes, containing vigorous protest on the part of Villa and his generals against the continuous stay in this country of Gen. Victoriano Huerta. The dispatch reads as follows:

"This morning all the generals and officers of the ex-federal army who were not implicated in the uprising of February 18, 1915, appeared before the American consul in this city and protested against the stay of Victoriano Huerta in the United States. The consul endeavored, however, to convince them that there was no discontinuity toward the people of Mexico."

## "KEEP LAND WON BY SWORD," BERLIN TOLD

Vice President of Reichstag Declares Germany Must Progress to the Channel.

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), April 22.—"The pen of the diplomat must not spoil what the sword has so well achieved," impassionedly proclaimed Senator Passario, liberal leader and vice president of the Reichstag, in discussing suggested terms of peace today. He declared that Germany could never return to a peaceful condition until the great world conflict had drawn, and was the first direct utterance for territorial acquisition made by a prominent German official in several weeks.

"The land which we have conquered at the cost of so much German blood, our bravest and our best, must never be returned," he said. "We must not stop where we are, but we must progress to the English Channel and capture all the British strongholds as an earnest for a permanent peace."

"And we must also secure much needed insurance that there will be no renewed attempt at invasion by the Russian hordes on our eastern front. The sword has well achieved its mission. Diplomacy must not spoil it."

## BLUEMONT CAR KILLS MAN AT ROSSLYN

W. M. Thompson Meets Instant Death When He Steps on Track.

W. M. Thompson, thirty-five years old, whose home was in Brentford, Va., was struck by a Blumont car and instantly killed in Rosslyn, Va., early this afternoon.

Thompson until recently was employed by the Arlington Brewing Company. Spectators say that the car was approaching at a slow rate of speed when Thompson, apparently not seeing it, stepped on the track just a few feet from the car. The body was taken to his home.

Fraternal Day at Fair. SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—This is fraternal day at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The celebration, held in connection with insurance week, was expected to be one of the big events of the period given over to fraternal and insurance organizations. A big parade, in which uniformed ranks of various fraternal orders participated, was a feature.

## SUBMARINE SUNK IN BRITISH RAID ON HELGOLAND BIGHT

Germans Check Attempt To Reach Naval Base—Marked Activity of Both Great Navies Presages Battle In North Sea.

SQUADRONS SEEN IN NORTH SEA. Wilhelmshaven and Kiel Fleets Preparing For Operations—Anglo-French Squadron Headed North Off Coast of Norway.

BERLIN (via The Hague), April 22.—The German admiralty today issued a statement announcing that one British submarine was sunk by German destroyers when it essayed a raid into Helgoland Bight. Other hostile submarines were fired on and are believed to have been seriously damaged.

For several days it is reported the British submarines have been active at several points, but their efforts to reach the German naval bases have been checked with no damage to the German warships.

Now that the weather has settled and the conditions in the North Sea are ripe for naval action, it is believed in Berlin that there will be much greater activity on the present belligerent navies. It is known that there has been important movements at Wilhelmshaven and Kiel recently, but details are not permitted to become known.

COPENHAGEN, April 22.—That another battle is imminent in the North Sea seems certain, judging from the reports reaching Copenhagen. Scandinavian vessels report the presence of a German squadron of heavy warships in the North Sea apparently waiting.

The Politiken also says that it has received positive word that an Anglo-French squadron has been sighted north of Jaederens reef, Norway, headed north. Its destination is unknown. It is believed, however, that it has been commissioned to prevent the Germans escaping in case of a battle.

## French Attacks Beaten Off in La Prete Forest

BERLIN (via Wireless to London), April 22.—The war office today announced the repulse of French surprise attacks, accompanied by artillery exchanges in the western part of the forest of La Prete, north of Hartmannswellerkopf. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy, it is stated.

The war office also confirms today the unofficial reports that the Russians have been compelled to evacuate Tarnow because of the heavy gunfire of the Austrians.

The official war report makes claims of further successes of the Germans at various points. It says: "We successfully blasted mines south of La Bassee canal, northwest of Arras in the Argonne and between the Meuse and the Moselle. Following violent artillery duels the French attacked the German positions in the forest of Prete, but were repulsed with very heavy losses. The French assault has been repulsed on the north slope of Hartmannswellerkopf, and a French position in this vicinity has been destroyed. Another French attack at Dappu has been repulsed."

"On the eastern front the situation is unchanged."

French Defeat Germans In West Central Africa; Kaiser's Troops Retreat. PARIS, April 22.—Further successes for the French army in the Cameroons in West Central Africa, is announced in an official communique issued by the minister for the colonies this afternoon. The statement says: "After severe fighting for a month in the Cameroons, the Germans have been compelled to retreat to the high plateaus in the center northward. The capital has been moved to Jaunden."

The allied troops are advancing in that direction. The French native African troops have reached the Lombe-Dume line; French regular troops have reached the river Kele and forced the passage, and the British troops, moving northward, have taken the Newa bridge. The losses of the allies have been slight.

Lone French Officer Captures 114 Germans. PARIS, April 9 (By Mail).—The story of a bloodless victory in which a French officer captured 114 German prisoners single-handed comes to Paris today from the Argonne. M. Gatel, a French professor of German at Voiron before he enlisted, has

been promoted to a captaincy for his brilliant coup. Gatel's excellent German led him to converse with German soldiers in the trenches and carry away from the French trenches in the Argonne forest. Hearing one day that the Germans had been without bread for many hours, he walked boldly out of his own trench and up to the German stronghold. Introducing himself, the lieutenant offered pity that his enemies had nothing to eat, and concluded by inviting the men to come to the French trenches and partake of a good meal.

One hundred and fourteen Germans crawled out of the trench and followed him to a barn in the rear of the French trench, where he fed them and gave them wine. But with the meal over, Gatel smilingly announced to his guests that he was keeping them prisoner in their own interest, because in France they would be sure of good food and lodging.

"The losses of the enemy in the Shaliba action total 2,500, and we took 415 prisoners, who have been brought to Basra. The Turks everywhere are in a disorganized retreat. We sunk twelve Arab vessels and have occupied Nakhlah."

Indian Office Reports Victory Over Moslems On Northwest Border. LONDON, April 22.—The official reports of the Indian office, dealing with the battle with the Moslem fanatics at Huzkur, in northwest India, near the Afghanistan border, and with the Turks at Shaliba, near the Persian gulf, claim sweeping victories at both places. "We engaged 4,000 fanatical Moslems near Huzkur on the 18th. Severe fighting followed for several hours. The enemy suffered severely, getting to the hills and now has been dispersed. We had seventy killed and wounded. No further details have been received."

Turks Renew Offense In Transcaucasia. CONSTANTINOPLE (via Berlin and Amsterdam), April 22.—The following official statement was issued here: "Turkish troops have occupied all the roads leading to Batumi. A new offensive movement along the coast has compelled the Russians to abandon important positions. Heavy fighting is proceeding near Artvin and Oltu."