

FAMOUS TURKEY CASE MAY BE BASIS OF GODSOL DEFENSE

The stealing of a turkey gobbler, which involved the relations of this country and Great Britain and the decisions of the courts on the extradition of the man charged with the theft is likely to be the precedent invoked by the attorneys of Frank J. Godsol, who is charged with the illegal acquisition of \$6,000,000 in commissions in connection with the purchase of automobile trucks for the French government.

This famous case involved a man by the name of LaPage, who lived in the State of New York, and who was charged in 1914 with taking from a man in Canada a turkey gobbler and seven hens.

La Page Was Freed.
Action for extradition was brought, but on a decision of Judge Day in habeas corpus proceedings La Page was freed. Godsol's attorneys claim that there are many points of similarity in the two cases and rely much on the New York decision as a precedent.

Godsol today issued the following statement through his counsel:
Yesterday when I appeared before Commissioner Hitt the hearing was postponed pending the arrival of papers from France, this in face of the fact that the affidavit of March 6, on which I was held, plainly states that the papers were mailed at Paris on February 27, and that it has been admitted by Mr. Minor, counsel for the French embassy, that the papers arrived some days ago, and it is reported to have been taken to New York to consult with Mr. Becker and Couderd Bros.

Protest Against Delay.
I protest against the delays and manifestly unfair methods that are being employed against me.

The facts, as I understand them, are that upon the arrival of the papers on which I was apprehended, they were found to be lacking any evidence by which the charges which have been made against me could be substantiated, therefore, the authorities in France have been requested to prepare new or supplemental papers which shall more nearly answer the purpose of my persecutors.

I cannot conceive that the French courts will comply with such a request, but political expediency and personal ambition not infrequently lead to strange acts and great injustices.

In the meantime, I am deprived of my liberty and so hindered in, if not prevented from, protecting myself against those who seek to injure me.

Today I was ready to defend myself and to show that I could not have committed the crime charged in the affidavit on which I am being held; by proving that I was never entrusted with money or anything else of value by the Republic of France; that I never acted as an agent for France nor intermediated any purchases on its behalf; that I acted as the representative of the automobile factories with complete knowledge of the French authorities; that I never received from the Republic of France any salary, compensation, or commission of any kind on an unexecuted contract with the French government; and that when I last left France I did so with the full knowledge and consent of the French authorities.

Commands Germans on U. S. Front



GENERAL VON GALLWITZ, Kaiser's leader in Toul sector, the man who devastated Siberia. He was rushed to west front to prepare blow against Americans.

NEW WAGE BOARD FOR RAILROADS TO PREVENT STRIKES

Practically iron-clad agreements, which will preclude the possibility of strikes during the war and as long after as mutually agreeable, have been signed by the railroads administration and the chiefs of the four big railroad brotherhoods, it was announced last night by Director General McAdoo.

Supplementing the railroad wage commission is appointed a board of adjustment, consisting of eight members, four representing the railroads and four the brotherhoods, to whom will be referred all disputes regarding wages and employees' matters. Director General McAdoo himself will remain as a court of last resort, as he is now with the present railroad wage commission.

Settle All Disputes.
Every conceivable kind of dispute that has ever arisen in railroad troubles, will be adjusted either by this board or the higher council.

The agreement is signed by A. H. Smith, C. H. Markham, and H. H. Ashton, regional directors for the railroads, and W. S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and Timothy Sheen, acting president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engine-men.

The new board which will sit monthly at Washington will have final decision "on all controversies growing out of the interpretation of application of wage or other agreements between roads and employees."

Perverse Hens Annoy Owners by Speeding Up As Eggs Grow Cheaper

HAGERSTOWN, Md., March 24.—Just because eggs are getting cheaper, some farmers hereabout claim, their hens are laying overtime and trying to break their records. The farmers cannot understand why the hens did not exert themselves when eggs were selling for 50 and 60 cents a dozen.

George Gayman, of near Pen Mar, has a flock of 40 prize-laying hens that are an exception to this rule. During January and February the hens laid between 1,600 and 1,700 eggs, making money for their owner.

Big Increase in Prospect.
The pending general increase under discussion for the past weeks before the railroad wage board, will be handled by this body; but future controversies will be before the new organization. Decision on the new wage schedules is expected shortly, and it is believed, will add from \$250,000,000 to \$400,000,000 a year to the railroad pay roll.

Authority vested under the eight-hour law to the commission of eight was transferred to the new board, which may revoke or alter its decisions.

Creation of the board was accepted as removing for the rest of the war all possibility of strikes or labor trouble.

HOUSE HONORS ARGENTINE.
A picture of George Washington will be presented to the Argentine Republic under a resolution the House passed yesterday afternoon.

DELAY IN TESTS OF "GARABED" IS HOTLY CRITICISED

The Government is becoming restive over continued delay in the official investigation of "Garabed"—an alleged invention to end the war.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has wired G. T. K. Giragosian, the Boston Armenian who claims the discovery, for his assistance in selecting the five scientists who will investigate the device under recent Congressional resolution.

Giragosian ten days ago submitted to Lane for his approval names of seventeen scientists. Lane approved twelve of these, but since has heard nothing in reply. Lane has wired that if the inventor is experiencing difficulty in persuading the selected scientists to serve, the Government itself will ask them.

Officials and Congressmen said today that if there is really anything in the discovery, its application to the war should not be delayed a single day.

JAILED SOLDIER TRIES TO END LIFE WITH BELT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 24.—John J. Collins, soldier of Camp McClellan, Ala., attempted to commit suicide in the city jail here by choking himself with his belt.

The man was being held on charges of being absent from camp without leave. Artificial respiration had to be resorted to by the city physician, and the warden experienced difficulty in restraining Collins in his efforts to kill himself.

WOMAN WHO HELD INFANT ON STOVE GIVEN TWO YEARS

"Merry? You are not deserving of mercy after the hideous crime of which you have been convicted in this court."

This was the answer of Justice Stafford in Criminal Court when Alberta Young, a colored woman, convicted of holding the hands and feet of her baby on the top of a red-hot stove, pleaded before him for mercy. The woman was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Two other sentences for the same term were given, one for talking a lie and the other for robbery.

John Campbell, colored, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for perjury; and James J. Madden, a private attached to Company C, Thirtieth Engineers, who was arrested January 12 for robbing a jewelry store at 938 Pennsylvania avenue, was given the same sentence.

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REDMOND'S SON WINS SEAT IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, March 24.—Capt. William Redmond, son of the late John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, will succeed to his father's seat in Parliament.

CASUALTY LIST CENSORING DONE TO BALK 'SHARKS'

It was learned today that one of the principal arguments advanced by the War Department to the President in its dispute with the Creel committee concerning the suppression of the emergency addresses on the casualty lists had nothing to do with the value of these lists as "information to the enemy."

It was claimed by the War Department that these lists were being used by claim agents "sharks" to annoy the nearest relatives of the soldiers by offering their services to assist them in adjusting claims against the Government.

It has been the policy of the department to inclose a warning against these parties, with the notification of the death of the soldier, but in many cases these warnings are not heeded and the agent gets in his work by playing upon his victim's sympathies in the moment of bereavement.

Soldier death claims do not need the assistance of any outside experts. They will be paid promptly by the Treasury as soon as it becomes legally proper to do so. There are people, however, especially those living in outlying districts, that become easy prey to the blandishments of "sharks," posing as men of influence, and there are many cases on record where the "shark" has tied up his victim so that he has received a very large percentage of all the money coming to the soldier's dependents.

By publishing the emergency addresses of the next of kin of the soldier, these agents were given a wide field of endeavor, and this reason was strongly advanced as a necessity for their suppression.

NOTED EDUCATOR DIES IN BOSTON, AGED 88

BOSTON, March 24.—Col. Homer B. Sprague, eighty-eight, widely known as an educator and writer, died here today.

During his career he was president of the University of North Dakota and later principal of the Adelphi Academy at Brooklyn. Colonel Sprague fought in the civil war, receiving a colonel's commission in a Connecticut regiment. At one time he was prominent in North Dakota politics.

SPY SUSPECTS ARE TAKEN IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga., March 24.—Because of photographic negatives of Southern shipbuilding plants and docks in their possession, William Cook, twenty-five years of age, of Kansas City, and Arthur Holly, twenty-six, of Atlanta, are being investigated by local agents.

The two men were arrested today by the police as suspicious characters.

QUAKER STATE GIVES ARMY 90,000 MEN

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 24.—Pennsylvania local draft boards to date have placed 122,884 of the 890,000 draft registrants in class 1. Major Murdock, of draft headquarters, announced today. The total number of men already sent to camp is 87,960. An additional 7,828 leave April 1-5. National guardsmen in the national army total 39,000. Pennsylvania on April 6 will have approximately 90,000 men in the field.

MARINE DROWNED IN MIAMI

Drowning of Paymaster's Clerk William Albert Rutherford, Marine Corps, at Santo Domingo City, March 20, was announced by the Navy Department yesterday afternoon. His body was recovered and is being sent to the United States for burial.



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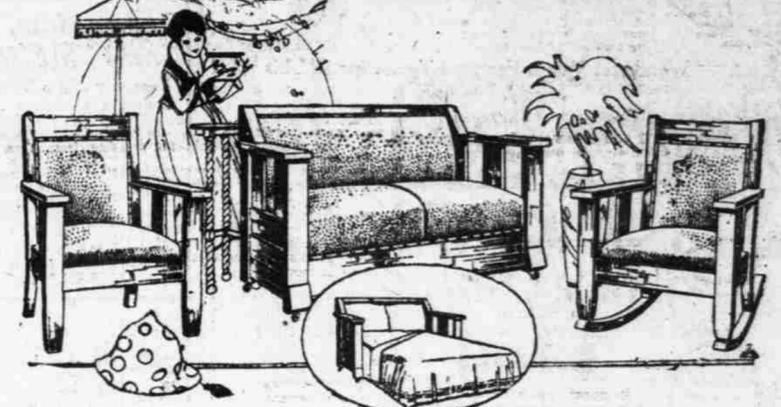
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