

# GIGANTIC ITALIAN MOTOR FRAUDS INVOLVE AMERICAN RED CROSS

## 'UPLIFTER' SOLD CARS FOR GRAFT

### "Major of Mercy" Netted Million Francs in Private Sale of A. R. C. Trucks.

NEW YORK, July 6.—How millions of francs' worth of Red Cross equipment was lost, stolen, sold or borrowed, is revealed in today's New York American. This equipment included automobiles, typewriters, cameras, steel and lumber. Specific instances, taken from copies of Red Cross reports hitherto suppressed by that organization, show:

#### REFUGEE SUPPLIES SOLD.

One million francs' worth of motorcycles, bicycles, touring cars and trucks were sold by an alleged bogus major acting as field agent for the Red Cross in Italy in April, 1919.

Thousands of tons of steel framework, badly needed for shelter for refugees in 1919, were sold to brokers by the Red Cross. Thousands of feet of lumber were stored in remote places and forgotten and then recovered by investigators.

Hundreds of new typewriters were taken from Paris Red Cross headquarters. Some were found to have been sold and others were "borrowed" but never returned.

At least 100 expensive cameras were "borrowed" by Red Cross workers and never turned back in 1918 and 1919. No receipts were required from borrowers.

According to a confession made by an interpreter to the Paris police in July, 1919, he had aided a major in disposing of Red Cross vehicles. This major, whose name never had been entered on the official Red Cross personnel list but who was permitted to act as field agent in Italy for two months, sold touring cars, motorcycles, trucks and bicycles to individuals.

When the bureau of salvage in Paris learned of these sales, an investigation was begun. It was discovered that the field agent's name did not appear on the personnel list. The alleged bogus major said to have fled to the United States when an order was sent to Italy to check further sales. At that time only eight large camions remained in the Red Cross garages in Italy.

#### RECEIVED 1,000,000 FRANCS.

The interpreter swore that the major had received a million francs for the sales and never turned in the money to the Red Cross. He added he had been paid 1,000 francs for two weeks' work as interpreter for the major. He declared he knew of no transactions involving the vehicles were questionable. The Red Cross, as was its custom, dropped the investigation.

One instance has documentary evidence showing where hundreds of new typewriters were removed from the Red Cross headquarters in Paris. To enumerate each case would require columns of space.

Another instance indicates how a man stole a Red Cross worker's identification card and then used the card to obtain typewriters. He would represent that he was a field man and wanted to borrow typewriters. The Red Cross system was so adjusted that any worker could borrow a typewriter, being asked to give no receipt. The man in question was arrested by the provost marshal at Brussels when taking a boat for Dover, and later confessed. He was not prosecuted by the Red Cross, but was held by the army officials as a deserter.

#### BIG LOSS IN CAMERAS.

Cameras suffered a fate similar to that of Red Cross typewriters. Only in remote cases where a worker desired to "borrow" a camera was he denied. Few of such "borrowed" cameras were returned to Red Cross headquarters in Paris. Following is one of the reports to the aide to the commissioner for France, Major Fred E. Smith:

"One of the first cases this department handled was that of trying to recover cameras loaned to various Red Cross personnel and never turned back, and for which, according to the information furnished by the chief of the bureau of photography, William T. McCutley, no receipts were taken—merely a note, which was later carded, as to who received the machine.

"Among these were twenty outstanding cases, some of them given to people who returned to the States

## VIEWS OF NEW YORK'S GREAT ANTI-DRY PARADE IN WHICH THOUSANDS MARCHED



SOME OF THE MARCHERS.

## BROOKLYNITE SAYS U. S. HELD HIM UP FOR HUGE TAX BILL

### Files Suit for \$150,694 Alleged to Have Been Paid Under Duress.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Frank E. Clark, of 191 Washington Park, Brooklyn, having paid the United States Government \$150,694.93 as a part of his income tax returns for the year 1917, yesterday filed suit in the United States District Court in Brooklyn, seeking the return of this sum, which he claims was paid under duress and a threat by the Government to sell his property.

Retiring Internal Revenue Collector Bartram C. Gardner, who is made defendant, charges Mr. Clark based his returns at a stock value as of March, 1913, when he should have recorded an increased and disposed of value recorded June, 1917.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Frederick L. Kopff, who filed the Government's answer to the suit, the charge is made that Mr. Clark June 6, 1917, communitated the sale of stock in the firm of Cawley, Clark & Co., fruit brokers in Manhattan, and the Beckton Chemical Company, which it is claimed netted Cawley, Clark & Co. \$391,847.65 profit.

Mr. Clark says he made no profit at the time.

The Government demanded of Mr. Clark the difference between the two amounts and he paid under protest. He paid an income tax as of December 31, 1918, \$2,829.92, "believing," he declared in his complaint, "that he thought it included everything due the Government."

According to Mr. Kopff, the discovery of the "war bride" prices of the certain shares was made and the Government demanded that Mr. Clark pay the difference.

"It was simply a question of the Government working on the 1917 correct basis, and the other party on the 1913 wrong basis."

## ORGAN DEADENS NOISE OF ESCAPING PRISONERS

CADIZ, Ohio, July 6.—Walter Scott, of Alliance, played steadily for several days on an organ placed in the corridor of the county jail by the Salvation Army.

One morning Scott and George Reed, of Byesville, were not to be found.

An investigation by the prison officials disclosed that the organ had been utilized to deaden the noise created by using a section of a radiator in digging through the jail wall. The missing prisoners escaped through the hole in the wall.

with the cameras. A list of the people who still had the cameras was given to Major Fred E. Smith, with the understanding that he would take the matter up with the Red Cross at Washington.

#### TRAFFIC IN STEEL.

A sworn-to copy of a telegram from James Stuart Burns, Paris broker, refers to confirmation of purchase of steel framework. It is addressed to the Red Cross, May 21, 1919, as follows:

"We beg to confirm our purchase from you today of all the steel at your St. Didier warehouse at the price of fifty-five francs the hundred kilos."



ONE OF THE STRIKING FLOATS IN LINE.

## BEAUVAIS EAGER TO TAKE PART IN STILLMAN FIGHT

### Man Here 20 Years Faints On Learning He Is Not Citizen

CHICAGO, July 5.—After voting for twenty years without ever being challenged, Peter Mettler fainted today when he discovered he was not a citizen of the United States.

Born in Germany, he took out his first naturalization papers here in 1896. He thought this made him a full-fledged citizen.

Today he attempted to get a passport to Switzerland, only to learn he was not a citizen. It will take him five years to qualify.

appeared as a witness for the banker at Poughkeepsie.

In the letter to New York the guide inquires if Kelly has forgotten "the suits, the gold piece and the pipe" which Stillman, according to the writer, had given Kelly at different times.

Waking more bitter, the guide entered into something like a denunciation of the Stillman witnesses at one point, saying that "this ought to awaken some of their sleeping memories. It is an easy way to get the sleeping sickness of the brain and that is what has happened to them. I wish I could get down and give them a shampoo with a good, strong five-gallon can of turpentine to awaken them."

Beauvais differs distinctly with the testimony given by Mrs. Percy Rockefeller at one of the hearings in Poughkeepsie. The oil magnate's wife said on being cross-examined by John E. Mack that her brother-in-law, Stillman, was at 9 East Seventy-second street, his New York home, on New Year's Day, 1918.

Beauvais' letter says that Stillman could not have been in New York that day, as he was visiting with his wife at Pleasantville.

## AMUNDSEN IN SEATTLE, TO TRY FOR NORTH POLE

SEATTLE, Wash., July 6.—Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole and seeker of the north pole, has arrived here from Nome, Alaska, which he reached in the middle of June after leaving his schooner, The Maude, at Cape Serge, disabled by a broken propeller. Captain Amundsen said he still considered entirely feasible his project to drift across the north pole with the current which he believes flows from Greenland to Siberia.

## GIRL SAVES COMPANION PINNED BENEATH CANOE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 6.—Miss Regina Ware, a telephone operator, rescued Miss Mary Little, another telephone operator, from drowning yesterday.

## CHARGES THEFT OF ONE HUSBAND TO HER SISTER

### N. Y. Woman Says Mate Vanished in Auto—Search Fails to Uncover Couple.

NEW YORK, July 6.—An odd marital tangle, with sister arrayed against sister, was disclosed by the insurance yesterday of a decree of divorce to George H. Purdy, of Yorktown, from his wife, Eva, who is alleged to have eloped with her sister's husband.

Justice Arthur S. Tompkins awarded the decree in Westchester county, where the various parties reside. Testimony was given accusing Mrs. Purdy of vanishing in an automobile and "stealing" her sister's husband, Loren C. Johnson, of Yorktown, who disappeared with Mrs. Purdy on March 27, 1920.

Purdy is thirty-three and his missing wife thirty. It was testified that Mrs. Purdy received visits from her sister's husband, Johnson, at her home in Yorktown, and that afterward they left town in Johnson's car.

The defendant's sister, Mrs. Johnson, was called as a witness to help Purdy to divorce her sister. A York county policeman aided the plaintiff's case materially by his testimony.

He testified to arresting Johnson in the missing automobile in the company of a woman for speeding through the public streets of Yorktown. He took a look at Mrs. Johnson and then said he was positive that she was not the woman who accompanied Johnson.

David S. Murden, of Peekskill, who is Purdy's counsel, brought out that he had searched ten different States for the missing wife and automobile owned by Johnson, but that there were no automobile license records in any of these States that would afford a clue to the whereabouts of the missing automobile or the vanished couple.

## 4,000-YEAR-OLD HARP PRESERVED IN PARIS

What is said to be the oldest harp in the world is preserved at the Louvre Museum in Paris. It was found in an Egyptian tomb and is nearly 4,000 years old. Others dating back 3,000 years have been discovered.

The harp was held in such high regard by the ancient Celtic races that harps were treated with veneration and distinction, their lands being free and their persons sacred.

Vincent d'Andy has been announced as a guest conductor for the Philadelphia Orchestra for next season, and it is stated that there will be two other guest conductors whose names cannot yet be disclosed. It is believed that these will be William Mengelberg and Oasp Gabrieliowitch.

Prices realized on Swift & Company sales of carcass beef in Washington, D. C. for week ended Saturday, July 2, 1921, on shipments sold out ranged from 19 cents to 18 cents per pound, and average 14.30 cents per pound.—Adv.

## 'HOME AND MA' OR BROADWAY LIGHTS FOR ETHEL TODAY

### Court Will Decide Future of D. C. Actress, Arrested on Mother's Charge.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Magistrate Silberman, in Essex Market Court, will be called upon today to make a decision in one of the most novel situations yet developed by the changing status of girls and women. Eighteen-year-old Ethel Hallor, of Washington, with seven years of successful effort on the stage behind her, typifies the ultra-modern young woman. She asserts that she has earned the right to conduct her own life as she sees fit, within orderly limits.

Gray-haired Mrs. Annie Hallor typifies the old-fashioned mother. She believes that it is her maternal duty to watch over her pretty daughter's life—on the stage and off. She believes that her judgment as to her daughter's amusements, friendships and home should prevail.

So strongly does Mrs. Hallor feel on this vital subject that she swore to a warrant last Saturday charging her daughter with "disorderly conduct." It was the only method she could hit upon to get a court decision on her own harassing problem of motherhood.

The Washington Times already has given Miss Hallor's views. Today is printed the mother's statement.

## Old-Fashioned Mother Tells of Struggle to Protect "Errant" Girl

### By ANNE DELAP.

NEW YORK, July 6.—"No matter how much humiliation it costs me, no matter if the whole world misjudges me, I am going to try in this last way that is left me to save my child."

Mrs. Annie Hallor, a gentle-voiced woman with the gray hair and rounded figure that comes to mind with the word "Mother," yesterday afternoon sat fanning herself before the open parlor window of her flat at 407 West 145th street and talking about her daughter Ethel. After a pause she continued:

"I love my children, Ethel as much as all the rest, though I have lain awake so many, many anxious nights wondering where she might be, and what she was doing. She the support of the family? Ah, my spend-thrift Ethel!"

"She has fallen among people whom I feel cannot possibly do her anything but harm. Her closest friends are three married men, an actor, a neurologist, and a Greenwich Village political aspirant."

OBJECTS TO COMPANIONS.

"I do not think this the most wholesome companionship for a young girl. You would think any girl would tire of the constant round of all-night parties, cabarets, and such things."

"All of her life Ethel has been a great problem to me. She is a dear, beautiful girl, and I am sure she would not now be so headstrong in her determination were it not for insidious influences under which she has fallen."

"It is true I let her go on the stage when she was a very little girl, just twelve. But it is not true that I put her out to work, a wage-earner for the family, at that age."

"Look on the walls, you will see the school diplomas of all three of

## Central High Captain Spends Vacation As Sailor



HUGH JOHNSTON, Popular captain of this year's championship track team at Central High School, who is shipping for foreign lands today as a "common" seaman.

His boat weighs anchor in Baltimore for a 72-day trip. Hugh's vacation will serve as training for a strenuous year on the track at the University of Pennsylvania, starting next fall. His home is at 1411 Kennedy street northwest.

my other children, Edith, Walter and Ray. But Ethel would not go to school. She was listless and uninterested in her studies.

ON STAGE AT TWELVE.

"Edith was on the stage playing leading parts when we came to New York about seven years ago. Ethel was crazy to go on, too."

"She says her father is in sympathy with her? Well, that is another matter. I will say that she has shown his interest sooner, when Ethel was a little girl and his children needed a father's attention. I may have been spared this terrible thing today, and Ethel may never have come to such danger."

"Any mother will understand that this action has cost me, unless she be an unnatural mother, and they are few."

"A well-known singing teacher heard Ethel sing. She was attracted by her voice, a sweet lyric soprano, and by Ethel, and offered to train her voice without pay during the months she is not working. Do you think Ethel was even interested? No, she couldn't find time from her friends and her parties."

"It does not matter what people think today, and Ethel may never hope that even the idea of a court action would bring Ethel to her senses and back to me. But I cannot spare myself when it comes to my child. No mother can. And this seems to me my last chance of making her see the world she has adopted in its ugly reality."

## FOX TROT DESCRIBED AS THEATRICAL RHYTHM

From a dialogue on the esthetics of the music-hall: "You must not judge a fox-trot as you would a romance. The musical originality of the cafe-concert and music-hall lies in the rhythm. It is a theatrical rhythm, never changing from ancient times, which only Shakespeare, Moliere and Musset have overcome."

## MEXICAN LABOR STATUS CRITICAL, GEN. GOMEZ SAYS

### Oil Companies Stop Work, Causing Serious Economic, Not Political, Condition.

By International News Service. MEXICO CITY, July 6.—General Gomez, commander of the Mexican military forces at Tampico, who came here to confer with President Obregon, said today that the Tampico situation is very grave.

Within a few days 20,000 laborers will be out of work as a result of the suspension of operations by oil companies in the Tampico fields, General Gomez declared.

A report is circulated that the Standard Oil Company intends to "boycott" the Mexican government and to force smaller companies out. The English oil companies, General Gomez said, were continuing work and were paying the government the new export tax which some of the American companies have refused to pay.

General Gomez declared that, when he returned to Tampico, he would compel the oil companies to pay discharged workmen three months' pay, as provided under the law.

Mexican officials admit that the situation is serious but only economically and not politically, they say.

A report was current on Tuesday that five American warships were en route for Tampico. It caused much excitement but the government calmed the populace by saying it had no information that the warships were coming into Mexican waters.

There was another report that the American Government had sent a note dealing with the oil situation, but this was officially denied by the foreign office.

## MD. WOMEN ORGANISTS FORM BRANCH OF GUILD

BALTIMORE, Md., July 6.—The opposition of male organists of Maryland to the admission of women to the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists has led to intervention by the headquarters of the national guild, and privileges have been granted to the women organists of the State through the formation of a separate chapter. Warden Victor Baier, of New York, Secretary Comstock and Treasurer Martin, of the national guild, organized the new chapter. A charter for the Baltimore chapter will be issued shortly. Officers were chosen as follows: Margaret P. Ingle, dean; Mrs. Eunice Appsey, subdean; Rose Mary Barry, secretary, and Mrs. Shepherd Powell, treasurer.

When Warden Baier approached the members of the Maryland Chapter and explained that under their charter and the rules of the national organization there was no authority to refuse admittance to women, he was told that adverse votes would keep them from membership, and that these votes would surely be cast against application. In the face of this refusal Warden Baier called the women together and on June 19 organized the new guild. With this organization, Maryland is the only State that has two chapters. While the new body is primarily for the women organists, its membership is also open to men. It consists of twelve charter members, all prominent organists of Baltimore.

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