

SULZER STORY TO GRAND JURY

Former Governor's Disclosures In John Doe Inquiry May Lead to Criminal Prosecution.

WITNESS INVITED TO GO BEFORE THE JURY

Declares That O'Gorman Told Him of Effort to Hold up "His Friend Stewart For \$100,000."

New York, Jan. 22.—William Sulzer's story of "Graft, Graft, Everywhere," as sketched by him at the John Doe inquiry yesterday, assumed the grand jury phase today. Having sworn yesterday that United States Senator O'Gorman described James E. Gaffney as "Murphy's chief bagman," who tried to "hold up my friend Stewart for \$100,000," the ex-governor was invited to go over the charges in more detail before the jury. Later it was thought Senator O'Gorman might be called.

The Stewart mentioned is James Stewart, a state highway contractor. Gaffney is a prominent politician, contractor and business associate of the leader of Tammany hall. On the stand Sulzer said Senator O'Gorman had said to him: "Don't you know Gaffney is the man that held up my client, James E. Stewart, for over \$100,000 and he could have got away with it if Stewart had not come to me, and I went to Murphy and I read the riot act, telling him I would not stand for that kind of politics."

Sulzer reviewed his clash with Murphy, describing Murphy's alleged threats to wreck his administration if Gaffney were not appointed state commissioner of highways.

Senator O'Gorman today declined to comment on the testimony given by ex-governor Sulzer at the John Doe inquiry.

"The senator wishes to refrain from making any statement at present because he may be called upon later to appear in the proceedings," his secretary said.

"The evidence given by Sulzer speaks for itself," said District Attorney Whitman today. "It is given under oath and should be judged accordingly. I will not comment upon it but the public may rest assured that if a crime has been committed in this county I shall do my duty no matter who the offender may be."

FLORIDA MAGISTRATE EXCEEDS JURISDICTION

Rebuked For Deciding Question of Extradition of Prisoner.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Solicitor Folk, of the state department, has rebuked a justice of the peace in Tampa, Fla., for overreaching his authority by deciding a question of extradition without consulting the officials who administer the foreign affairs of the United States.

Cuban authorities sought the return of a fugitive. He was held before the Tampa justice. The first state department officials heard of the proceeding was in a letter in which the justice reported that in accordance with the terms of the treaty between the United States and Cuba he had turned the prisoner over to Cuban authorities.

Solicitor Folk has written the overzealous justice that while the treaty does admit of the reading accorded it, the state department usually takes a hand in such affairs. No international embarrassment will arise from the incident, however, as the prisoner voluntarily agreed to return to Cuba.

DAUGHTER OF WEALTHY GERMAN DISAPPEARS

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Judith Klausner, daughter of a wealthy manufacturer of Dusseldorf, Germany, disappeared here six days ago, according to information given the police today by her uncle, Henry Ritter, a wealthy Chicago manufacturer.

Miss Klausner, according to Ritter, is 17 years old and a water color artist. Ritter said the girl had insisted on becoming an actress in Germany and that to prevent this her father consented to her visit to the United States.

Schooner Wrecked. Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 22.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Eganline has been wrecked off the Nova Scotia coast, according to news received here today. While the crew of eighteen was saved, the schooner driven ashore near Liscomb, will be a total loss.

OPINIONS DIFFER ON JAP QUESTION

Speech of Japanese Minister Concerning California Land Law Seems Not to Be Clearly Understood by Washington Officials—Next Step Problematical.

Washington, Jan. 22.—After consideration of the Japanese situation today the house immigration committee declined to open hearings on the Baker bill to bar Asiatic immigrants. Chairman Burnett declared the committee was not yet ready to proceed. Other members said they wished to hear from Secretary Bryan.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The speech of Baron Makino, the Japanese foreign minister, explaining to the Japanese parliament the status of negotiations with the United States over the California alien land laws developed radical difference of opinion between the principals as to the responsibility for the next step.

Although Baron Makino referred to the fact that the Japanese foreign office had received no answer to its note of August 18, 1913, evidently intimating that one was expected, the state department regarded the negotiations as practically closed at that point; argument on each side having been exhausted.

A new treaty to define the rights of

Japanese in America, treating particularly on the subject of naturalization, though not taken up in any of the official notes, was informally discussed between Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Chinda, but without advancing the subject very far. It was then contemplated that the Webb law be tested in the United States courts but the Japanese government did not care to become a party to such proceedings, considering that to do so would be to abandon its contention that the subject should be treated diplomatically.

On the other hand, Secretary Bryan was unwilling to follow the precedent set by President Roosevelt in directing the United States government to intervene as a party in the Japanese school cases which figured in the California courts.

Unless the "other means" referred to by Baron Makino refers to a renewal of the attempt to frame a treaty that will be approved by the United States senate, officials here are at a loss as to what the next step will be.

ALLEGED DEALER IN VICE ARRESTED

Emil Decoin Charged With Being Leader of White Slave Ring.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—Emil G. Decoin, who the police say is the leader of a white slave ring that has operated in San Francisco for two years, was arrested here early today in his handsomely furnished residence. The police refused to permit him to ride to jail in his automobile. He was booked on two charges of white slavery and spent the night in a cell.

Decoin was said to have amassed a fortune of \$300,000 in a short time. According to the police, he openly boasted that he was enjoying police protection and defied arrest.

Decoin is alleged to have traded extensively in European women of the underworld, preventing their deportation by marrying them to impudiculous men who willingly sold their names to the women for \$100.

INDICTMENT OF BIG PACKERS IS EXPECTED

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Investigation of charges that Swift and company, packers of Chicago, profited to the extent of \$60,000 by what was said to have been in effect a rebating arrangement with the Ann Arbor railroad company, was begun by the federal grand jury today.

Shipments involved in the inquiry were said to have been carried by other roads not involved in the charges to points on the Ann Arbor road, the main line of which runs from Toledo, O., to Frankfort, Mich. This road is alleged to have hauled consignments of beef of less than a carload at carload rates. The beef was "peddled" from town to town along the line, it is alleged.

ANOTHER CASE OF TYPHUS REPORTED

New York, Jan. 22.—Joseph J. O'Connell, port health officer, reported today the development of another case of typhus fever among detained passengers of the Austro-American steamship Belvedere. This makes three cases from the Belvedere and five cases in all at this port. The case reported today, Dr. O'Connell said, was a closer approach to the malignancy of the dreaded typhus than had been observed in the other cases.

STRATONCONA MAY BE BURIED IN THE ABBEY

London, Jan. 22.—The body of Lord Stratton and Mount Royal, late high commissioner for Canada, who died Wednesday, will probably be interred in Westminster Abbey, as a recognition of his eminence in the double capacity of empire builder and philanthropist.

Investor Dead.

New York, Jan. 22.—Word was received here today that Robert Zahn, director general of the Vogt-Laendische Maschinen-Fabrik of Plauen, Saxony, and inventor of the Zahn automaton, a device universally used in embroidery making, had died yesterday in Leipzig after an operation.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE REDUCED TO 4 PER CENT

Made Possible by Improvement in Money Situation of the World.

London, Jan. 22.—The Bank of England was enabled today to reduce its minimum rate of discount to 4 per cent owing to the improvement in the monetary situation both here and abroad to the settlement of the South African general strike. The fact that the German bank rate also was lowered today and the belief that the German bank rate will soon follow suit make market experts confidently anticipate a further reduction of the English bank rate in a week or two.

ROBT. F. WAGNER WILL RETIRE FROM POLITICS

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Lieutenant Governor Robert F. Wagner, who for years was the Tammany leader on the floor of the state senate announced today that he would retire permanently from politics at the close of his present term this year.

"I am tired of office holding," he declared. "Nothing can induce me to run again. The last year has kept me here almost continuously and I cannot afford to neglect my business to that extent."

Wagner is a practicing attorney in New York city.

NEARLY 4000 BALES OF COTTON BURNED

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 22.—Nearly 4000 bales of cotton were destroyed or damaged by fire which swept the warehouse of E. W. Trout and company here today. The loss is estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Captain S. Gilbert and two other firemen were slightly injured in fighting the blaze. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

ASKS IMPROVEMENT OF PEMBROKE CREEK

Washington, Jan. 22.—The war department today recommended the improvement of Pembroke Creek, N. C., from its mouth up to the United States fish commission station, to secure a channel ten feet deep and 150 feet wide at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 for first construction and a nominal maintenance cost.

The department adversely reported on the proposed improvement of the Elizabeth river in Brunswick county, N. C., as a separate project because the pending inter-coastal waterway scheme might embrace that stream.

TORONTO'S FANCHIE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 22.—That Toronto's Federal league franchise might be transferred to Cincinnati was indicated by a meeting here last night between President Gilmora of the new organization and local promoters. A site for a ball park within fifteen minutes ride of the heart of the city was considered but no final arrangements were made. It was understood Mr. Gilmora was to visit here again to go into the matter more thoroughly.

ATTORNEY WITNESS IN SPEER INQUIRY

R. C. Ellis Testifies of Contempt Citation in Bankruptcy Case.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 22.—It was expected when the congressional investigation by a subcommittee of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives of charges of alleged official misconduct on the part of Judge Emory Speer, of the United States court, southern district of Georgia, was resumed here this morning that a number of important witnesses would be examined during the day. Among these are Thomas S. Feider, attorney general of Georgia; W. H. Burwell, speaker of the Georgia house of representatives; and John M. Barnes, former United States marshal and present postmaster at Thomson, Ga.

R. C. Ellis, of Tifton, Ga., the first witness, corroborated the testimony of J. S. Ridgell, examined yesterday regarding the citation for contempt by Judge Speer of attorney for alleged delay in obeying an order of referee in bankruptcy. Mr. Ellis was one of the attorneys named in the citation. Some of the attorneys who had through error in settlement received dividends for their clients in the case had not been named in the citation. Some of the attorneys who had through error in settlement received dividends for their clients in the case had not been named in the contempt citation, the witness testified.

Walking Tight Rope.

John M. Barnes, postmaster of Thomson, Ga., and former United States marshal, was called.

He charged that after his appointment as marshal Judge Speer kept him walking "the tight rope" all the time, and cited as an instance that while court was in session all the court attendants, including the marshal, were kept busy adjusting the window shades.

The witness charged that Judge Speer took an active part in politics and that he acted as campaign manager for Judson W. Lyons, a negro at the republican national convention of 1908.

He charged that after his removal as United States marshal Judge Speer "wrote him up" in a newspaper article, which appeared as a purported news item. His answer, he said, quenched Judge Speer's thirst for newspaper controversy.

REPORTED FORTY-TWO KILLED IN WRECK ON THE GREAT NORTHERN

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 22.—It was rumored here this morning that a serious wreck had occurred near Pembina, North Dakota, on the Great Northern railroad. Unconfirmed reports stated that forty two had been killed.

Railroad officials declared they had no reliable information that the wreck had occurred and said they doubted the accuracy of the report.

PLANS APPROVED FOR RED CROSS BUILDING

Washington, Jan. 22.—Plans for the new Red Cross building to be erected here as a memorial to the women who died in the Civil War have been approved by a commission which chose the design submitted by Trowbridge and Livingston, architects of New York. The plans have been referred to the fine arts committee of the Corcoran art gallery and the home of the Daughters of the American Revolution within a stone's throw of the White House.

GIANNONE'S MURDERER WILL BE DEPORTED

New York, Jan. 22.—Antoine Cupertino, an Italian emigrant, who became violently insane and killed Dr. Arrigo Giannone, an Italian government emigration inspector, while the steamship Berlin was approaching Gibraltar on January 12, last, was brought into port today in custody when the Berlin docked. The assassin will be deported. Dr. Giannone was assigned to duty as inspector to accompany steamers carrying steerage passengers to America. He had a fine record in the navy.

CREW OF MISSING SHIP PICKED UP BY STEAMER

Portland, Me., Jan. 22.—The crew of the missing schooner Prescott Palmer, from Norfolk for Portsmouth, N. H., were picked up by a steamer which landed them at Bermuda, according to a cablegram received by the owners today.

The schooner was abandoned during the severe storm last week.

DENIES STATEMENT, NAVY IS SNOBBISH

Officer Writes Secretary Daniels Branding as Untrue and Unjust Charges That There Is Snobbishness Among Officers of The Navy.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Accusations of "snobbishness" in the United States navy are branded as "untrue" and "unjust" in a letter from an officer of the naval reserve to Secretary Daniels today.

The officer refers to published statements attributed to another officer who recently resigned from the naval service and who was alleged to have stated that navy officers in general were snobbish and looked with disdain and contempt upon all who were not graduates of the naval academy. The author of today's letter was one of the naval militia officers who participated in the recent battleship cruise to the Mediterranean on the battleship Delaware.

"I was received aboard this ship with every courtesy and was treated throughout the entire cruise with the utmost cordiality and friendship on the part of every commissioned officer on board with whom I came in contact," stated the writer. "I found that, without exception, they were thoughtful, courteous gentlemen; always willing and ready to discuss matters of professional interest and never too busy to stop long enough to make explanations.

"I made friendships there which I shall always value highly and my reflections of this cruise are only of the pleasantest kind.

"If these men on ship are representative types of American naval officers, surely no such charge can lie at their door."

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO HAVE TRAP SHOOTING

New Riding and Driving Club Will Install Traps on Beaumont Ridge.

One of the main features of the riding and driving club, recently organized here, will be trap shooting, and officers of the club have been investigating a site for locating a trap equipment at the club's headquarters on Beaumont ridge, at the battle bungalow, which will be used by the members of the club.

It has been found that the skyline is just right for such sport and, everything else taken into consideration, the governing board has decided to establish traps on the ridge.

Orders have already been sent for clay pigeons, traps and other equipment.

Applications are coming in to the governing board from people who are anxious to join the club. These applications will be passed upon at the earliest possible date.

According to a member of the club, it is expected that every feature of the club will be finished by February 1; the improvements on the roads and drive will be under way by the first of February and other details of the club worked out.

Honorary memberships will be extended to ladies, where there is no male member in the family; also honorary memberships will be extended to a limited number of non-residents, this number not to exceed ten at any one time.

AFTER NIGHT PICTURES OF PANAMA ANIMALS

Former Congressman Going Into Jungles With Flashlight Outfit.

New York, Jan. 22.—Night pictures of the animals that grow in Panama's jungles are prizes sought by George Shiras, a former Pennsylvania congressman, who will leave here for the canal zone next week equipped with a flashlight outfit. With Mr. Shiras will go A. C. Anthony, an explorer on the staff of the American Museum of Natural History.

Gatun lake will be made the basis of operations. Mr. Anthony explained that the lake had a great deal of water in it as a result of being dammed and this would permit exploration of regions heretofore impossible to reach.

Mr. Anthony has subjected himself to typhoid immunity treatment. The explorers plan to procure for the museum the animals caught in traps set by Mr. Shiras to take their pictures by flashlight. Jaguars, panthers, tapirs, deer and monkeys abound in the region to be explored.

A STEAMSHIP WAR DECLARED

Shipping Combination Reorganized at Paris Conference, Excluding Hamburg-American Line.

COMPANY'S DEMANDS CONSIDERED FLAGRANT

Lines Refuse to Recognize the Claims of Disputant and Will Carry Out Existing Agreement.

Paris, Jan. 22.—War officially was declared today between the Hamburg-American Line and other steamship companies. The delegates to the north Atlantic shipping conference reorganized the combination this morning, leaving out the Hamburg-American. A notice excluding that company and declaring a state of war was promptly issued.

The declaration issued by representatives of the trans-Atlantic shipping companies was as follows: "At the conference of the continental lines interested in the North Atlantic passenger trade held in Paris on January 21, the demands of the Hamburg-American line, which did not see fit to appear in order to explain its justification of its claim for an increased proportion of the steerage passenger traffic, were fully considered.

"The lines were unanimously of the opinion that neither past nor present conditions warranted the demands put forward by the Hamburg American line, but that on the contrary they were in flagrant contradiction with the position the Hamburg-American line has emphatically maintained in similar instances toward other companies.

"The lines therefore refuse to recognize these claims and resolve to carry out the existing agreement among themselves, but without the Hamburg-American line, with the object of upholding an organization which has given entire satisfaction during the long period of 22 years and thus protecting the recognized position of the various lines toward each other.

Hotel Burned.

Mineola, Fla., Jan. 22.—The Lakeview hotel was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. There were several narrow escapes of winter tourists. None was injured. Loss \$10,000.

DIFFICULT TO GET WOMEN TO ACT AT THIS POLLS

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Because it has been impossible to get women to serve, only about one half of the 1,400 voting precincts in Chicago will have women judges and clerks of elections at the April primaries. Figures given out by the election board today indicate that about 700 women will be included in the list of 5,000 judges and clerks who have been appointed. Loss \$10,000.

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