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## TAFT QUICKLY REPUDIATED IT

### And His Press Mgr. Hastens With An Explanation

## SCAPEGOAT IS A CLERK

As Briefly Stated in a Telegram to Last Edition of The Times Yesterday, Secretary Taft Repudiates the Strange Story Sent Out by His Ohio Press Bureau—If He Should Renounce Roosevelt's Policies He Would Be Done For—Irresponsible Clerk Issued the Circular and How He Did It.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Washington, D. C., March 10.—After Secretary Taft had given out his repudiation of the press slip issued by his Columbus press bureau yesterday reflecting on President Roosevelt's policies and announcing that Wall street was now in favor of Taft as a conservative candidate, he received the following telegram from Arthur Vroys, his political manager: "Columbus, O., March 9.—I have just learned today that while I was absent in the state convention last week a pamphlet was prepared and last Friday was sent out by one of our men. In this pamphlet he included an article published in the Ohio state journal, of Columbus, O., on March 1, which he referred to and quoted from the weekly financial review of J. S. Bache & Co., of New York, on February 29. This pamphlet was sent out from here without my consent or knowledge. If I had known it was prepared here I would have forbidden its being prepared. If I had known it was prepared and its issuance was in contemplation I would have forbidden its issuance." (Signed) A. VORYS."

## TODAY'S WORK IN CONGRESS

Washington, March 10.—In the senate today Mr. Perkins of California introduced a bill for the retirement of employes in the classified service.

A bill was passed appropriating \$4,000 for a site and pedestal for a memorial statue to Dr. John Witherston, former head of Princeton College, to be erected in Washington.

Senator McLaurin addressed the senate on the Aldrich currency bill. Senator Gallinger got an agreement for a vote March 20 on the ocean mail subsidy bill.

Senator Bankhead of Alabama introduced a bill for the purchase of an airship for use of the army designed by John Mason Jones, of New York.

Senator Dillingham introduced a resolution providing for tests of the Isham long range shell. It was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

In the house Mr. Hamilton, of Michigan, made a speech favoring government regulation of corporations. The committee on interstate and foreign commerce heard arguments for a bill giving commercial traveling men a rate of 2 cents a mile on all interstate railroads.

Representative Hayes, of California, inaugurated a movement to weaken the power of the speaker in controlling legislation.

The committee on immigration and naturalization increased from \$5 to \$10 the fee for naturalization.

## A NEW FUND FOR UNIV. OF VIRGINIA

(By Leased wire to The Times)  
Charlottesville, Va., March 10.—Through the generosity of Dr. Thomas Nelson Page and his wife, Mrs. Florence Field Page, of Washington, D. C., a fund of \$20,000 has been placed at the disposal of the University of Virginia for the establishment of a permanent lecture foundation, to be known as the Barbour-Page Foundation.

The name of the foundation is in memory of the donor and of Mrs. Page's great-grandfather, Governor James Barbour, of Virginia.

## THE PRINCE PUTS OUT AFTER ANNA

### Divorced Wife of Count Boni Sails for New York

## WHILE BONI IS ARRESTED

She Is Believed to Have Wedded Her Former Husband's Cousin, Prince De Sagan, Who Fought a Harmless Duel With Boni and Who Has Now Had Him Arrested on Serious Charges—The Prince Coming to America in Wake of Anna Gould and a Great Society Sensation is on Tap.

(By Cable to The Times.)  
Paris, March 10.—A formal complaint against Count Boni De Castellane, charging forgery and using letters, has just been made by his cousin, the Prince De Sagan, who is reported to have married the count's former wife, Mme. Anna Gould. The prince charges Boni with producing at his recent trial spurious letters purporting to have been written by him (the prince) in which the defendant attempted to ruin him in the esteem of Mme. Anna Gould.

The court named a judge to hear testimony against Castellane.

Mme. Gould will sail for New York tomorrow on the Kaiser Wilhelm.

A sensational story is current today that Mme. Gould is practically without funds. Mme. Gould left Paris yesterday for the Chateau St. Maran, at Daudon, accompanied only by a maid and her children's tutor. According to gossip the most of Mme. Gould's funds are tied up in New York subject to the orders of George J. Gould and her sister, Miss Heles Gould. Current rumor has it that immediately upon hearing of Mme. Gould's alleged marriage to the Prince De Sagan the Gould family stopped all remittances and forwarded a demand that the former countess go at once to New York for a family council. Well informed persons here express the opinion that Count Boni will surely make a scene should Mme. Gould attempt to take her children to America with her tomorrow. According to the French law and the decision granting a divorce to the Gould heiress, the children can only be taken out of France with the consent of Count Boni, subject to approval of the court granting the decree of divorce.

### The Prince Follows.

(By Cable to The Times.)  
Paris, March 10.—Prince De Sagan, who it is believed is already the husband of Mme. Gould, today secured a passport for the United States and will sail for America tomorrow on the Kaiser Wilhelm. Sagan said this morning he hopes to win the consent of the Gould family to his marriage to the former countess.

## BIG SHIPMENT TO HONOLULU OF WAR MUNITIONS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
San Francisco, Cal., March 10.—In the hold of the liner Siberia, sailing this afternoon for Honolulu and the Far East, are 150 cases of new Springfield rifles and twenty-five boxes of huge shells for the fortifications in and about Honolulu harbor. The rifles are packed ten in a box, making the shipment 1,500.

A large consignment of cartridges for these rifles was shipped for Honolulu on the steamer Nebraskan, sailing last Friday, and there are more rifles and cartridges to go to the islands. The shipment of big shells is the first made by the government to Honolulu for a long time and will probably be followed by others.

The magazines and arsenals in the Philippines have been well stocked with war munitions during the past few weeks, shipments of 50,000 rifles, 20,000,000 cartridges and large amounts of gun cotton and powder going forward since the first of the year, attention now being given to the garrisoning of the Hawaiian Islands.

## A SPECTACULAR PITTSBURG FIRE

### Quarter Million Loss and Eight Men Injured

## BIGGEST BLD'G BURNED

Many Exciting Incidents Attend a Big Fire at the Big Pennsylvania City. Chief of Police Among Those Hurt by Becoming Entangled in the Fire Hose—Origin of the Fire Not Yet Established—Notes and Incidents of the Sensational Conflagration.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Pittsburg, Pa., March 10.—The most spectacular and sensational fire in the history of Wilkesburg borough occurred here this morning when the Wallace building, the largest and most imposing building in the town and in the very heart of the community was completely destroyed, entailing a loss estimated conservatively at \$250,000, and causing painful injuries to eight men. Others had narrow escapes, and at least four persons were almost burned alive as they slept.

The fire is of unknown origin. The blaze, which within a short time after it was discovered, at 5:30 o'clock, threatened to become a conflagration and Pittsburg had to be called upon for aid. The building is owned by Congressman John Dalzell.

The injured: Chief of Police Daniel Doncaster, cut and bruised about the lower part of the body in being tossed about the street by a hose which became unmanageable.

Robert Watson, John Cleary, William Kord, J. D. Fisher, and Peter Schrott, all hurt at the same time and manner as was Doncaster.

A. Wright, cut on hands and arms by shattering a pane of glass in his excitement to escape from the building.

James Woods, cut and bruised by falling down a fire escape.

Adjoining the Wallace building is the department store of Colwell & Graham. It was reached by the flames and was also a mass of smoke and flames, as was the building where the fire started, but was not completely destroyed. The proprietors of the store estimate their loss at \$15,000.

There were many exciting incidents during the progress of the fire. While W. H. Kizer was in his office on the first floor endeavoring to save his books, the floor collapsed and carried him to the cellar with the wreckage, but he miraculously escaped serious injury. He was rescued from his perilous position by firemen with ropes.

At 11 o'clock the building is still burning. The front wall is bulging out and in danger of collapsing at any minute.

## HOBSON SAYS HE AND PRES'D WILL GET THOSE SHIPS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Washington, D. C., March 10.—Representative Hobson, of Alabama, a democratic leader of the house committee on naval affairs, called on the president yesterday. After coming from the white house he predicted that the house, during consideration of the navy bill, would increase the number of battleships provided for in this year's bill from two to four.

Mr. Hobson said that at least sixty democrats would join a majority of the republicans in voting for the larger number of big ships.

### Pushing Scheme for New Warships.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, March 10.—With the special house committee on naval affairs who are getting at work on investigating the charges against methods employed by lobbyists interested in the naval program the president's supporters are getting to work once more for his big naval expansion program. The reaction, as a result of the Lilley charges, seems decidedly to favor the scheme of building four big (Continued on Page Seven.)

## FORGING GIRL TO PROSECUTE

### Trial of Actor Hitchcock Starts Up in New York

## ALL DAY GETTING JURY

First of Several Cases Growing Out of Alleged Criminal Intimacy With Small Girls Called Today—Charge is Abduction and Assault—Girl Sixteen Years Old Brought to Court by Agents of Gery Society for Protection of Children—Hitchcock Says His Parity Blackmail—Wife Stands By Him and Comes to Court.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
New York, March 10.—The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, charged with misconduct with several young girls, was begun today before Justice Blanchard, in the criminal branch of the supreme court. The court room was crowded with two jury panels of 100 men each, so that there was no room for spectators.

Hitchcock, accompanied by his wife, reached the court room early. Hitchcock was stopped at the door by Policeman Ward, who announced that the court's instruction were that no witnesses should be allowed in the court room until after they had testified. Mrs. Hitchcock was given a seat in the corridor. She was strikingly dressed in a dark blue cloth tailored gown, with sable fur and a picture hat trimmed with purple ostrich plumes. Hitchcock left her in the corridor and went into the court room. He was joined there by his lawyers, John B. Stanchfield, Carl Fischer-Hansen and Isaac Fromme. The complainant in the case tried today is Elsie Voeks, sixteen years old. She was brought to court by an officer of the Gery Society, in whose custody she remained during the day.

Assistant District Attorney Garvin is prosecuting Hitchcock. He said it was likely that the whole day would be taken in the selection of a jury, and no testimony will be heard until tomorrow.

The indictment on which Hitchcock is being tried charges him with abduction and assault. The complainant is Elsie Voeks, sixteen years old, who was brought to court today in the custody of an officer of the Gery Society. She has been a prisoner since the Hitchcock exposure early in the winter.

Charlotte, N. C., March 10.—Some time today there is going to be "an awful waste" of fiery booze in this city.

Deputy Collector J. D. Albright has in his keeping three barrels of rum-whiskey, which he will pour into the gutters in the rear of the postoffice building overlooking Vance Park. This act of Mr. Albright is not of his determination, but in keeping with the federal statutes, which require that all contraband spirits not bringing at auction as much as the tax per gallon shall be poured upon the ground. The stuff is of inferior grade, which accounts for the fact that no offer of \$1.10 was made for it. In the three barrels are perhaps 150 gallons.

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## IT'S EVELYN WHO WANTS DIVORCE

### While Harry Hopes for "Rec- onciliation" Says Lawyer

## NEW ASPECT ON AFFAIRS

Col. Bartlett, Personal Attorney for Elder Mrs. Thaw, Gives Out a Statement in Which He is Corroborated by Evelyn and Her Lawyer, Dan O'Reilly—Thaw Didn't Assault His Wife, But There's a Serious Break—Important Developments in a Few Days That Will Clarify the Atmosphere.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
New York, March 10.—Colonel Franklin Bartlett, counsel for Mrs. William Thaw has made the following authentic statement regarding the strained relations between Harry Thaw and his wife:

"The reports that have been printed to the effect that Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has been shadowed for evidence in a divorce proceeding are without truth. Mrs. William Thaw is inclined to be fair and just with her son's wife. Insofar as I am concerned as counsel for the mother, I would not use any such means as are suggested in these frequently printed stories. I believe that Mrs. Evelyn Thaw has every reason to expect consideration in her treatment by myself as counsel for Mrs. William Thaw.

"Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw desires a separation from her husband and her husband hopes there may be a reconciliation.

"There has been an estrangement between them, but there has not been any such outbreak on the part of the husband as was described in an afternoon paper yesterday."

Colonel Bartlett declined to discuss the financial end of the family troubles of the Thaws.

Lawyer O'Reilly, counsel for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, denied in detail the story that Thaw had pounced on his wife when she last visited him, caught her by the throat and tried to strangle her.

"There is not a word of truth in that story," he said, "and it will be impossible to find an attendant at the asylum who will back it up."

"How long since Mrs. Thaw has seen her husband?" he was asked.

"Three weeks," he replied.

Mr. O'Reilly also denied that he had advised young Mrs. Thaw to demand \$50,000 cash and an annuity of \$12,000 to consent to a divorce, or that she had been offered \$25,000 flat to give up Thaw, with the alternative of nothing at all if she did not decide quickly."

"In a few days there will be developments that will put an entirely different aspect on the matter," he said.

It is possible only to guess at what Mr. O'Reilly meant, for he declined to make any further statement.

"It is absolutely untrue that any action for divorce has been begun against me," said Mrs. Evelyn Thaw at her home. "It is also untrue that I have been seen by Harry's family on the subject of the divorce. At this time things are so uncertain that I cannot tell what will happen in the future."

"And all of these stories of being followed by detectives and a report of my doings having been made to lawyers representing Harry's mother are false."

"Why, for a long time I have been keeping a diary of my comings and goings just on purpose. On purpose for what? Well, just on purpose, and I know just what I have done each day and night since the end of the trial."

"And my servants would make the best witnesses I could have in any divorce case. They know what I have been doing and where I have gone."

"It is true that I have most of my things in this house packed up and that I am going to move very soon. I am going to move because the house is too big. I am not going out of New York."

Mrs. Thaw was asked if there was any truth in the report that her allowance had been cut off and that unless she should make a settlement with the Thaw family on the basis of a permanent separation from her husband that no more money from that source would be coming.

"It is untrue," she said. "None of Harry's family has ever held the purse strings on me. I have been receiving my allowance from Harry right along. And after he was sent to Matteawan he made new arrangements for my allowance. I am not in need of money now nor do I expect to be. The latest story that has been started about me is that Mrs. Thaw showed Harry the report detectives had made about me and that he was so jealous when I went up to see him at Matteawan three weeks ago he choked me. That is as big an untruth as the rest."

"There will be some important developments in a few days which will set all these rumors at rest."

## KING ALFONSO IN BARCELONA

### Surrounded By An Army of English & Other Detectives

## PROTECTING HIS LIFE

5,000 Special Police Brought to City Also to Guard Against Assassination—Crowd Kept at Respectful Distance—Trip Uneventful—Visit More of Social and Commercial Than Political Nature—Inaugurating City's Public Works—Inspects Squadron This Afternoon.

(By Cable to The Times.)  
Barcelona, Spain, March 10.—The train bearing King Alfonso and his suite arrived here at 9:30 this morning. The royal party was met by the city officials and a short address of welcome was read to his majesty by the mayor. An immense throng surrounded the depot, but were kept at a respectful distance by the police and military. Captain Linasas, commander of the Catalonia province, was in personal charge of the troops. It became known this morning that over fifty men of Scotland Yard, England's famous government detective agency, had been in the city for nearly three weeks.

Besides the military, nearly 5,000 special police have been brought from cities in northern Spain and it is the opinion of the authorities that it will be impossible for would-be assassins to approach near enough to his majesty to do him any harm.

The trip from Madrid was uneventful. Preceding the royal train was an engine with one coach bearing thirty picked carabinieri. This was followed by an extra train half an hour later having the same number of coaches as the royal train, being an exact duplicate of the train bearing the royal party.

The royal train left Madrid eight minutes later than the second pilot train and kept almost in sight of the pilot train the entire distance. At short intervals along the route small parties of troops were stationed within sight of one another with orders to shoot anybody who approached the tracks in a suspicious manner.

Hearty cheers greeted his majesty when he alighted from the train, and it would seem that a large majority of the crowd were monarchy sympathizers. The king has been strongly advised against attending a gala performance at the Lyceum Theatre tonight, but his majesty po-poos any suggestion. The mayor said today that should the alarmist fears for the king's safety be realized it will be through the acts of extremists who are outside ordinary political ranks. The republicans are not disposed to par the king's visit by thrusting the political schemes upon him at this time.

They realize that the king's visit is more of a social and commercial nature than political and his inauguration of the city's new public works, which had been erected at a cost of seven million dollars, was regarded as a national act. This afternoon his majesty will inspect the Austrian squadron now in this harbor.

## SOUTHERN CASE BEFORE COURT

A motion to re-tax the costs for printing in the famous \$30,000 fine case against the Southern Railway by Judge B. F. Long was argued in the supreme court today. Last fall the supreme court overruled the judgment of the lower court and the attorneys for the road are contending that the cost in the case should be borne by the state. The cost involved amounts to about \$174. Ex-Governor Aycow appeared for the state and Messrs. James H. Pou and F. H. Busbee for the road.

Another case of interest today was that of the state against Tillman, of Johnston county, who was sentenced to the state's prison for ten years for manslaughter. The principal point involved was whether the evidence was sufficient to have the case go to the jury. Attorney General Gilmer represented the state and Mr. F. H. Brooks the defendant.