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MR. REUTERDAHL SAYS PRES'DT IS NAVY'S ACCUSER

That Mr. Roosevelt's Criticism and Charges Ante-Date Those Made By Him

IN LOS ANGELES TODAY AFTER TRIP WITH FLEET

In Special and Exclusive Interview With the Hearst News Service Today the Man, Whose Accusations Against the American Navy Have Aroused the Entire Country, Declares That President Roosevelt is the Original Accuser of the Navy.

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Los Angeles, Cal., March 14.—Henry Reuterdahl, who made the charges against the navy that have stirred the country, arrived here after making the trip with the battleship fleet.

In an interview with the Hearst News Service correspondent he declared that President Roosevelt himself was the navy's original accuser. He said:

"Regarding my reply to the assertions made by the chief of the bureau of construction that my article in the January McClure's was in all instances incorrect, and as to the statement made by the president in his letter to Admiral Brownson, labelling it as 'maliciously untrue,' I can only say that when the proper time comes I will make the proper answer. Having been at sea with the fleet for three months, I am naturally out of touch with what has occurred in Washington.

"I have learned, however, that the president has ordered Admiral Capps and Admiral Converse to officially refute my statements. These criticisms, all and every one, have previously been made by various naval officers and to the navy are as old as the hills. The president has for many years been aware of the actual condition in our naval construction and to quote the Army and Navy Register of January 11, 'Mr. Roosevelt himself not long ago was found beating the air around naval bureaucracy and asserting the need of naval reforms.'

"My article has had its effect. I have been abused, called names and officially elected to the Ananias Club, but I think that the future will find our new ships with armor belt in its proper place.

"As a marine artist, it makes no difference to me where our armor belts are. I am entirely disinterested. This cannot be said about the constructors."

SHOT THE WIDOW; KILLED HIMSELF

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, March 14.—Charles Weidman shot himself last evening at 6:45 o'clock, after an attempt to murder Mrs. Minnie Heiss, in the hallway of her residence on Division street. He was taken to the Alexandria Hospital, where he died shortly after 8 o'clock. Mrs. Heiss will probably die.

Weidman, who was a bartender in a North Clark street saloon, boarded for a long time at the residence of Mrs. Heiss, who is a widow with two children. He left there three months ago, and since then had lived at 95 North Clark street, but he had been a daily visitor at the Heiss home. The children said their mother and Weidman were on excellent terms and they can assign no motive for the shooting.

OFFICERS STILL VANILY HUNTING FINANCIER KING

(Special to The Times.) Boston, Mass., March 14.—The search for C. F. King, the missing North Carolina financial agent, has failed to reveal any trace of his whereabouts, and an ever-increasing number of angry creditors are coming forward to see if they can recover anything.

Jeremiah Smith, who took charge of the offices on Washington street, is examining the books today and pending the result of his investigation, he declines to make any statement to the creditors.

No one in the offices seems to know where King has gone. The police of other cities all over the country will be notified and requested to arrest him and hold him for Inspector Watts, who has a warrant for the financial agent's arrest on a charge of larceny of \$3,000 worth of stock, ordered by John G. McCarthy of Boston.

Detectives engaged in the search, however, think King may have left the country.

It is openly asserted that he had a large sum of money in his possession when he left and it is surmised that he has gone to South America or Europe. Where collections a month ago were thousands daily today the receipts at the King offices are \$1 and \$2. The firm is still trying to do business.

PENALIZING RAILWAYS BY P. O. DEPARTMENT IN CASES OF DELAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 14.—An important conference has been concluded at the office of Second Assistant Postmaster-General James McCleary between the officials of the bureau and representatives of several of the principal railroads of the country.

The meeting was called by Mr. McCleary for the purpose of giving consideration to the complaints that have been registered with the department by the railroads from time to time affecting the administration of the postal laws. The question of penalizing the roads for the delay in transportation of mails is understood to have been the principal matter under discussion.

Following the conference Mr. McCleary appointed a committee of officials of his bureau to take under advisement the various matters discussed and make a report on the same to him.

STILL WRANGLING OVER THE LIQUOR DISPENSARY MONEY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Columbia, S. C., March 14.—All the members of the supreme court came into town today. It is believed that the conference now in progress will result in a decision on the mandamus proceedings brought by the attorney general to compel the dispensary commission to pay over to him, despite the order of Judge Pritchard of the federal circuit court, the \$15,000 in dispensary funds allowed him by the legislature for the expense of prosecuting alleged dispensary grafters. Members of the court decline to talk. No intimation of any special sitting has been given the clerk.

GARRETT NOT COMING TO US, SAY COAST LINE OFFICIALS.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Wilmington, N. C., March 14.—Second Vice-President John R. Kenly of the Atlantic Coast Line, says that there is absolutely no foundation for the report from Atlanta that Chief Executive Officer W. A. Garrett of the Seaboard Air Line, is to become general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line.

BROUGHT BACK IN HANDCUFFS

Two Thieving Secretaries of As Many Millionaires

CROSSED THE CONTINENT

After a Chase of Over Ten Thousand Miles Detectives Capture and Bring Back to New York Howard Carter Green, Confidential Man to President Fargo, of the Express Co., and A. O. Havenith, Secretary to the Mallett Construction Co.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 14.—Two former private secretaries of New York millionaires reached New York last night in handcuffs. They were brought across the continent after a chase of more than 10,000 miles. The prisoners are Howard Carter Green, former confidential man for James C. Fargo, president of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, and Albert O. Havenith, who held a like position in the employ of A. S. Mallett of the Mallett Construction Company.

In the case of Green it was Wall Street, it is alleged, that caused him to commit forgery in an effort to make money. With Havenith, the charge is that it was the race track that caused him to steal.

Green appeared very much downcast. Although under indictment, he denied he was guilty of any wrong-doing. Havenith took his arrest philosophically. He was down to his last \$100 when caught by the police, the remainder of his alleged thefts, said to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000, having been spent in high living or lost to the bookmakers.

FIRE TODAY IN WINSTON BURNS LINVILLE HOME

(Special to The Times.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Mar. 14.—W. A. Linville's four thousand dollar residence was burned this morning. Most of the furniture was saved. No insurance on the building. Mr. Linville is seriously ill with pneumonia and had to be carried from the burning building to the home of a neighbor on a stretcher.

WIDOW COURTED OLD MAN, MARRIED HIM AND GOT HIS MONEY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Crawfordsville, Ind., March 14.—That his wife, Mary E. Wilkinson, exercised her leap year prerogative and proposed to him, is substantially the charge made by James E. Wilkinson, a wealthy farmer eighty years of age, in a divorce suit filed today.

In 1904, the aged complainant alleges, his wife, then fifty-two years old and twice a widow, coaxed him to take her buggy riding. While they were on the road, he alleges, she kissed and fondled him until he scarcely knew what he was doing. Under such treatment, he alleges, he readily became subject to her influence. Later she threatened him with breach of promise proceedings and he finally accepted her proposal and they were married. Her married life within a month became very unhappy, he alleges, and she finally deserted him after he had deeded to her property valued at \$5,000.

KING WILHELM TO KING VICTOR EMANUEL.

Rome, March 14.—The Momento says an Italian politician is in possession of another letter from the kaiser dealing with naval armament. It was addressed to King Victor Emmanuel, advising that he cultivate good relations with Great Britain, with the view of initiating a movement for the curtailment of armaments. The letter will soon be published.

ADM'L CHESTER DEFENDS NAVY

It Doesn't Get All the Glory That Should Come to It

NO PRAISE FOR SUCCESS

But Barrels of Unkind Criticism for Every Failure or Mistake—But That is the Way of the World, Mr. Admiral, and is Not Confined to the Naval Critics By Any Means. Old War Dog Speaks at Banquet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Mar. 14.—Read Admiral Chester, at the annual banquet of the second army corps association last night, vigorously attacked the recent criticism of the navy. He said:

"As the navy seems to be under a cloud at present, I feel called upon to speak in its defense. We don't get all the glory that belongs to us, but we frequently are criticized for faults that are not our own. We are criticized because only 191 hits were made out of 1,000 shots at Santiago, and, by the way, this statement was made by a young officer who never was in war. At Santiago there were 161 hits that were counted, but there were thousands that were not counted.

"We shot holes in more than a thousand men," he continued. "The enemy's ships were riddled with shots and were sunk. These hits were not counted. There were many shots fired at such long range that they could not have hit anything. Therefore, the number of shots fired increased, while the number of hits were limited. In any conflict," he said, "where one side hits 100 times more than the other—there was only one man killed on my side—I am sure the country does not expect more at such a time."

BULLETS FOR A BLACK HAND BLACKMAILER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 14.—Saratina Ferrando, an upper eastside merchant, today shot and killed a man who was attempting to blackmail him, at the corner of 114th street and First Avenue. With Ferrando at the time was a friend, who also sent several bullets into the man whom the police, unable to identify him, have recognized as the leader of one of the professional blackmailing bands which have been terrorizing that section of the upper eastside known as Little Italy.

For some unaccountable reason Ferrando and his companion, after killing the man, placed their revolvers in his pocket as he lay on the sidewalk, and fled. Detectives were sent out to find them.

MARION BUTLER TAKES STAND IN NAVAL INQUIRY

(By Leased wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., March 14.—Former Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, will take the witness stand and tell what he thinks of Mr. Lilley and the Lilley charges, so far as they affect him. He has written a letter to Chairman Boutell, of the investigating committee, setting forth his anxiety to say something in such hot and emphatic terms that Mr. Boutell has asked him to temper it a little before it shall go into the official records of the committee.

Mr. Butler will go on the stand Monday or Tuesday.

Actor Ramond Hitchcock and Wife.



SOMNAMBULISM TO TALK ABOUT

Remarkable Case Reported By An English Physician

WRITES & PLAYS ASLEEP

Fits New Strings to Her Violin, Composes Essays and the Like and Don't Remember a Blessed Thing About Any of it in Her Normal Condition—Well Authenticated Case of a Girl Now Under Course of Treatment in Hospital.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Mar. 14.—Dr. James Russell, assistant physician at the Birmingham Hospital, in an article published in the British Medical Journal tells of an extraordinary case of somnambulism.

The patient, who is a teacher of music and a stenographer, entered the hospital to be cured of sleep walking. While under observation she habitually after several hours of sleep left her bed, descended to the music room, played and fitted new strings to a violin.

Other remarkable feats were reading and writing in the dark, she wrote many letters, one of which was a short essay on "The Sonata Form" and addressed to a professor of music. She also wrote a letter in German.

Upon awakening in the morning she could not recall having performed any of these remarkable feats.

She is now somewhat improved, but occasionally continues walking in her sleep.

BIG FIRE IN BAHIA, BRAZIL

(By Cable to The Times.) Bahia, Brazil, March 14.—Fire broke out in the business section during the night and has thus far destroyed forty buildings. Five people are reported to have been burned to death. Many persons were seriously injured.

Early this morning the fire was still beyond control.

Dynamite is being used to confine the blaze to the business district.

Bahia has a population of over 200,000. It is estimated the loss will reach several million dollars.

FAITHLESS MAN BURIED ALIVE BY GIRL & LOVER

How Some Rooting Pigs Literally "Unearthed" A Horrible Crime in South Italy

VAIN EFFORTS OF "DEAD" MAN AT RESURRECTION

Unmistakable Signs That Occupant of Grave Awoke and Vainly Struggled to Resurrect Himself—Rival Suitor Confesses That He and the Girl Lured Him to Her Home Where He Was Drugged and Then Buried Alive by Them, After the Old Father Had Died of the Shock Which the Daughter's Story Caused—Particulars of the Terrible Fate of Young Italian Who Won the Love of a Girl and Then Betrayed Her.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Rome, March 14.—Pigs rooting in a grave in Calabria, Southern Italy, have brought to light a remarkable story of love and tragedy which cost four lives. A farmer, whose swine were driven in the cemetery was digging them out when he observed that they had been digging about a new-made grave and he was surprised to see the two arms of a man protruding from the earth.

In this grave, a short time before, had been buried the body of Giovanni Avellone, a rich old landowner. His death was caused by the story told him by his beautiful daughter, Lucy. She had related, only when the birth of a baby made further concealment impossible, that Andrew Campani, whom she had loved, had promised to marry her, betrayed her and then refused to marry her. The shock had caused her aged father's death from heart failure.

Startling Discovery.

So, when the authorities came to dig up the body, which they believed had been uncovered by the pigs, they assumed that it was that of Avellone. To their surprise it proved to be the body of young Campani and there were unmistakable proofs that he had been buried alive, that when under the ground he awoke from a drugged stupor and fought violently to free himself, pushing his arms up through the earth. Then he could do no more and was quickly smothered.

This accounts for the mysterious disappearance of the young rival suitor or about a week ago. No one could account for his absence. Yesterday he was discovered and confessed.

Remarkable Story of Love and Revenge.

His confession bore a most remarkable story of tragic revenge. After the burial of his father Lucy Avellone called this young man to her and together they lured Campani to her home. There his wife was heavily drugged and after midnight, while he lay in a stupor, the girl and the young man carried him to the cemetery. Her father's casket was dug up and buried again under the door steps of his home and into the grave the living body of Campani was dumped and the couple covered it with earth.

Lucy Avellone told the young man to go to his home and return in ten days, when she said, if she was alive, she would marry him. The ten days had not expired when the tragedy was discovered.

There followed a search for Lucy Avellone and her baby. They had not been seen for two days about the handsome Avellone estate. Had they left the province it would have been noted. A searching party came upon the dead bodies of the girl-mother and her baby in a well in the garden of the Avellone estate. A note under a stone in the wall of the well told the story.

Ordinary Death Too Good For Her Betrayer.

She related how she had drugged Campani, not to kill him by such an easy and merciful method, but to render him temporary senseless so that she could place him alive into the grave to which he had sent her father. She wrote that before the (Continued on Second Page.)

AGAINST JUICE, JUGS AND JAGS IS THIS BILL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 14.—A bill was introduced by Representative Manning which makes it unlawful to send from one state to another any habit-forming drugs, except upon the original prescription or written order of a physician or veterinary surgeon. It also prohibits dealing in such drugs in the territories, except at wholesale by jobbers or manufacturers to retail druggists or to each other, and hospitals, colleges, and public institutions.

RUSSIAN GENERALS TO FIGHT A DUEL

St. Petersburg, Mar. 14.—It is reported that General Fock has challenged General Smirnov for having, during the Stocessel trial, charged him with cowardice.

The arrangements for the duel, it is said, are fifteen paces and the firing of one shot.

Friends of two generals are endeavoring to pacify them but thus far have been unsuccessful and the duel will probably take place in the near future.