

BRANDT'S LETTERS SEEM IMPORTANT

Grand Jury Inquiring into Mortimer L. Schiff's Interest in Them.

LAWYER MAKES AFFIDAVIT

Carl Fischer-Hansen Asserts ex-Valet Told Him Former Employer Promised to Give Him Money to Leave Country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—(Special).—What were the contents of the letters Detective Rodgers took from Folke E. Brandt's room after he had been arrested at the instance of Mortimer L. Schiff on a charge of burglary?

The grand jury is inquiring into the great concern of the Schiff over the correspondence of a man arrested as a burglar. Some of these letters have been turned over to District Attorney Whitman by Howard S. Gans, attorney for Schiff, and he is said to have in his possession the rough draft of a letter that was subsequently sent by the valet to a member of the Schiff household. It was said that this letter was the first of many.

The affidavits of Detective Rodgers, who was employed by Schiff, and Carl Fischer-Hansen, who was called in as an attorney for Brandt just before he was sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary by Judge Rosinsky, furnish interesting developments in the case.

From what Rodgers and Fischer-Hansen said, Brandt believed that he was to be given a short term—about a year—and then receive ample money with which to return to Sweden and engage upon business for himself. Brandt did not disclose the details of this agreement to Fischer-Hansen, but is said to have relied upon the alleged promises of the Schiff attorney that he would be taken care of if he consented to plead guilty. Rodgers was amazed, he said, when Brandt was sentenced to 30 years. Likewise was Fischer-Hansen, who commented upon the severity of the sentence on Gans.

"Oh, we'll get him out after a while," Gans is reported to have replied to Fischer-Hansen.

"At the request of the defendant," says Fischer-Hansen in the affidavit, "I called upon him in the Tombs and saw him in the counsel room immediately after the trial. He said, 'What are the facts in your case? I am guilty and I am going to plead guilty.' I said, 'If that be the case why did you seek for me?' He said, 'I was told it would look better if I came into court with counsel of my own choice.' He said that he had been promised by the Schiffs that if he would plead guilty and nothing would be taken care of after one year and get money enough to go back to Sweden and start in business for himself."

"I asked him to tell me some of the details of the occurrence, but he said he could not because he had promised the Schiffs not to say a word."

Money Given to Brandt. Further along Fischer-Hansen said in the affidavits that Brandt told him: "He (Mr. Schiff) gave me money and told me that he would send me back to Sweden and give me money to start in business if I would do just as he said and say nothing to anybody."

Brandt added: "You know he is worth over \$5,000,000." Hansen then said: "You ought to open up and give me some facts on which I can base a plea to the court for insanity. If Mr. Schiff was willing to send you back to Sweden two days ago he might still be willing to do so, and the court might be willing to suspend the sentence on the ground that you go away." Brandt replied: "I can't tell you; in fact, it is not necessary because that is all arranged."

says Schiff Told Him All Was Arranged. Hansen's affidavit says that he then called up Mortimer L. Schiff and that Mr. Schiff said he would make an appointment to meet him that afternoon. Later Mr. Schiff reviewed the appointment, saying: "Mr. Hansen, I have consulted with my family and I can say nothing to you, but Howard Gans is my attorney and he will discuss the matter with you."

"I said," Hansen continues in the affidavit, "Mr. Schiff, all I want to know is if there is any arrangement as to this boy tells me; he will give me no facts." He, Mr. Schiff, said that everything had been arranged, and he said, Mr. Gans will discuss that matter with you."

Hansen called up Gans, who told him, he says, that he would have to discuss the matter with the District Attorney's office.

Hansen says he was afterward assured by Brandt that the court proceedings would be only a formality.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT LEADS

Soldiers in Northwest Healthier Than Anywhere Else.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special).—The health of the troops of the Department of the Columbia, exclusive of Alaska, which includes Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and the Yellowstone Park, under command of Brigadier-General Martin P. Maus, with headquarters here, is better than any other division of the United States Army, according to statistics issued from the office of the Chief Surgeon of the Western Division at San Francisco.

General Maus is much pleased at the good showing made and says he hopes that increased efforts will be made to make a still better showing. The comparative statement of monthly admissions to hospitals follows: the number of admissions a thousand being computed:

Table with columns: Division, Causes, Duty, Duty, Casualties, etc.

MAN OF 79 FLIES IN AIR

"Best Sport I Ever Tackled," Says Venerable Sky Voyager.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 25.—James M. Sears, aged 79, a tourist from Saloon, Ohio, had the distinction today of being the oldest man in the United States to make a flight in a hydro-aeroplane. In company with W. B. Atwater, in the new model Curtiss machine, he ascended to a height of 500 feet and circled San Diego Bay.

"Best sport I ever tackled," he said.

WIFE OF AMERICAN CRITIC OF GERMANY, WHOSE PRESENTATION AT COURT HAS STIRRED OPPOSITION IN BERLIN.



MRS. PRICE COLLIER.

SLIGHT STILL FELT

Kaiser's Reception of Critic of Germany Causes Rumpus.

BLAME PUT ON LEISHMAN

Berlin Paper Bitter Because Emperor, Who Turned Down Socialist, Opened Doors to American and His Wife.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—(Special).—Some of the Berlin papers are placing stress on the incident of the presentation in court of Mr. and Mrs. Price Collier, of New York, and one of them in particular is extremely bitter about the incident. Mr. Collier is the author of a book in which Germany is criticized by unfavorable comparison with England, hence the opposition to his presentation at court.

The outspoken critics of the Kaiser are all the more inflamed because not long ago the Emperor refused to receive the vice-president of the Reichstag, who is a Socialist, and they do not fail to make the Collier affair the text of strong comment, comparing the two incidents.

Mr. Collier's slight to the German nation consisted, among other things, of a statement that if the Germans should land an army on English soil the English would "swallow them up or disperse them like chaff." This was particularly offensive to the warlike element of the Germans, which is of considerable proportions.

Plans were made to spring the quotations from the book on the eve of the date set for the appearance of the Colliers in court, and Ambassador Leishman received due warning, but in some manner he was able to forestall opposition and the threatened exposure was not made officially. In the newspaper discussion that has followed there is a disposition to put the blame upon Leishman for the stir on the German fighting ability contained in Collier's book.

Mr. Collier is gathering material for another book about Germany, and there is deep interest in the question whether his view of the country will be influenced by the presentation.

NAVY TO AID CUTTERS

PACIFIC FLEET TO ASSIST IN PREVENTING SEALING.

New Revenue Service Vessel Unalga to Sail for Alaska Waters by Way of Suva.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Navy for the first time will assist the revenue-cutter service this year in patrolling Pacific waters to prevent pelagic sealing. This has been made necessary by the seal treaty signed by the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan.

The Pacific Naval fleet will patrol from San Francisco to the Dixon entrance, while the revenue cutters will be assigned to the Bering Sea. The duty of the Naval vessels will be largely confined to protecting the seals on the journey from the south of Alaska early in the Spring and their return to southern waters late in the Fall.

The new revenue cutter Unalga, now being completed at Newport News, Va., will sail from the Atlantic Coast on July 1, by way of the Suez Canal, for Juneau, Alaska, which will be her station. It will take the Unalga three months to make the 10,000-mile voyage.

ROUND-UP TO BE IMPROVED

Pendleton Making Plans for Bigger Show This Year.

"Although the Round-Up, Pendleton's annual frontier show, is still many months distant, the community is making preparations already for the reception and accommodation of increased thousands from the North-west," said Charles W. Melghan, editor of the Live Wire, a Pendleton paper, recently outlined and for which Mr. Melghan has been in Portland for a few days. "One of the remarkable features of the show," he continued,

"has always been the manner in which the town cared for the thousands of visitors and 1912 is to be no exception. It is already assured that the show will be greater than ever before. President T. D. Taylor and the members of the board of directors are sparing no effort to enlist a number of new and interesting features and the entire range country surrounding Pendleton is being scoured for wild bronchos and unbroken steers. Since the Round-Up is entirely a community enterprise, backed by every citizen, and not conducted for the purpose of making money, it is being given undivided support and experience gained during the preceding exhibitions will prove invaluable this year."

"Railroads are co-operating with the directors more closely than ever before and William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O-W. R. & N. told me today that every possible rate concession will be made. The North Pacific Coast Passenger Agents' Association is to meet at Pendleton in May and will complete arrangements at that time for special trains and excursion rates. One of the best advertisements for this year's exhibition will be the appearance of Pendleton Lodge No. 288 at the Elks grand lodge in Portland this summer. They are coming in full force with the members garbed in range costumes, accompanied by the Pendleton Cowboy band."

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When Mrs. Clark first broached the subject to the club women her idea was met with smiles.

"Do you think you will get men to agree to lower the steps just because they are uncomfortable for us?" they asked.

FRACTURED SKULL IS SEQUEL TO KISS

Girl Is Seriously Injured During Progress of Game of "Postoffice."

RECOVERY IS EXPECTED

Just How Accident Happened Is Not Quite Clear, but Victim Blushingly Takes All Blame for It on Own Shoulders.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—(Special).—Miss Mira Cassack, of 123 East 23rd street, Yonkers, lies at St. Joseph's Hospital with a fractured skull, the result of a kiss in the dark.

Just how the accident happened is not quite clear. Miss Cassack knew she was going to be kissed, or is presumed to have realized it, as she was summoned into the darkened apartment, where the caress and the cracked skull befell during the progress of a game of "postoffice" at a party given at the home of Joseph Craft, 23 Elm street.

Miss Cassack is expected to recover. She has given her account of the accident, but she is not positive about it. "I don't know just how it happened," said she, with a becoming blush. "I know it wasn't anybody's fault unless it was my own. Maybe I tried to keep from being kissed and struck my head against the door casing."

"Postoffice" Is Interesting. For the benefit of the uninitiated, it may be explained that "postoffice" is a game in which a boy or girl, as the case may be, retires from the company and announces through the postmaster that he or she has a letter for one of the participants. If a girl is summoned to the postoffice, she suffers herself to be kissed, whereupon her admirer retires and she has the privilege of summoning another boy for kissing purposes. It is considered a highly interesting game.

Through some error on the part of the postmaster at the Craft home, Miss Cassack and Miss May O'Connor found themselves in the dark postoffice with Harry Rieche at the same time. It is not clear whether the purpose was to kiss both of them or not. At any rate, he kissed Miss Cassack. Simultaneously there came a fall in the dark and a scream.

Rieche burst from the postoffice in alarm. "Get a doctor. Get a doctor," he shouted to the company.

Miss Cassack was found unconscious on the floor of the postoffice, Miss O'Connor bending over her. Miss O'Connor was hysterical.

When a physician arrived he sent Miss Cassack and Miss O'Connor to the hospital. There it was discovered that Miss Cassack was suffering from a fractured skull. Miss O'Connor was uninjured and was soon able to return to her home.

Miss Cassack was greatly relieved to learn that Miss Cassack would get well. He and other members of the party at Joseph Craft's home have forewarned "postoffice."

HIGH STEPS VEX WOMEN

BOSTON MATRONS ASK CHANGE IN CAR STYLES.

"We Are Not Cranks," Spokesman Tells Railroad Commission.

Hobble Skirt Defended.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—(Special).—Boston matrons are in earnest in their campaign for lower steps on streetcars. Mrs. Maria W. Clark, of the Hyde Park Current Events Club, who started the movement, headed a delegation representing a majority of the 150 women's clubs enlisted in the cause when she appeared before the Massachusetts Railroad Commission.

"We don't propose to give up our styles because the steps are too high," said Mrs. Clark. "Let them lower the subject to the hobble skirt—if they choose to wear it—is outrageous."

When Mrs. Clark first broached the subject to the club women her idea was met with smiles.

"Do you think you will get men to agree to lower the steps just because they are uncomfortable for us?" they asked.

And Mrs. Clark's answer was "Yes." So she organized the committee with a woman physician, Dr. Lucy Barney Hall, and Mrs. Lella M. Speed, a business woman.

"We are not cranks," Mrs. Clark told the commission. "We have perfectly good reasons for demanding lower car steps."

GOLDENDALE IS ACTIVE

Improvements Covering 50 Blocks Planned for Near Future.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special).—The citizens of Goldendale are planning extensive street improvements to be completed during the year. An ordinance has recently been passed by the City Council forming a local improvement district, consisting of 50 blocks, located in the central part of the city.

At a mass meeting held by the property owners in the district Friday evening, a resolution was passed recommending to the Council that asphalt macadam, similar to the Samuel Hill road, being constructed at Maryhill, be used for the paving of the main streets and alleys macadam for the streets in the residence districts.

The district will be bonded for \$90,000, the estimated cost of the improvement, said bonds to be payable from one to ten years. Considerable interest has been manifested during the time consumed in the perfection of the plans and all objections have been withdrawn since the adoption of the ten-year bonding plan. The City Council will advertise for bids during the next two weeks for the contract and for the sale of the bonds. Work will begin as soon thereafter as possible.

West to Go to Hood River. SALEM, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—Governor West in company with E. E. Covert will hold a meeting in Hood River Tuesday night to discuss with the citizens of that place the plans for location of a road at Shell Rock, as recently outlined and for which E. Benson has offered to contribute \$10,000.

SAWMILL BEING ERECTED

Portland Men Establish Large Plant in Nehalem Bay District.

DAM MACHINERY ARRIVES

Four Cars of Freight Reach Bingen to Be Used on White Salmon.

BINGEN, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special).—Four cars of freight consigned to Stone & Webster, who have the contract for building the dam on the White Salmon River between Underwood and Husum, arrived here this week and are being unloaded. The freight consists of a steam shovel, drilling machinery and a donkey engine. It will be taken to the dam site with its own power, a distance of seven miles, and the road is up and down hill for the whole distance.

No trouble is anticipated until they strike Bald Mountain, which has a steep grade down to the dam site. At this point the road is narrow and the machinery will take up practically all of the road, making it impossible for teams to pass except at turn-outs, which are located some distance apart. The company has taken the matter up

KLAMATH PROJECT AIDED

Twenty Carloads of Lumber for Immediate Use Is Planned.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—Twenty carloads of lumber from Portland, consigned to the Klamath Reclamation Service, arrived today in Klamath Falls over the Southern Pacific Railway.

The lumber is being shipped from this city on boats on the Government canal to Poe Valley for use on the Klamath project. Water was turned into the canal especially for this purpose.

A large amount of work is contemplated on the project for this season, but the fact that deposits have been shipped 500 miles when there are billions of feet of it within half a mile of its own headgate is a problem puzzling to lumber merchants here.

SPOKANE BANKS HEALTHY

Deposits Have Increased More Than \$3,000,000 Within Last Year.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special).—Deposits in Spokane banks have increased more than \$3,000,000 within the last year. At present institutions here have \$30,900,810 on deposit, this being exactly \$3,012,440 more than the deposits a year ago and nearly \$5,000,000 more than in September.

Not for many years have banks here been in as healthy condition. In spite of the fact that deposits have increased greatly, the loans have likewise increased, the amount of loans and discounts today being more than \$12,000,000 ahead of those of 1911.

Surpluses have also increased more than \$150,000 in a year's time, and the



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amount of cash on hand is just \$1,137,962 more than was on hand in March, 1911.

COURT'S VALUE DENIED

POINDEXTER WOULD ABOLISH COMMERCE TRIBUNAL.

Arkansas Senator Criticises "Mental Attitude" That Encourages Many Injunctions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Senator Poindexter, of Washington, yesterday opened his campaign for the abolition of the Commerce Court, by advocating before the Senate interstate commerce committee a bill to end the court's existence. Senator Townsend asked questions designed to show that only those who opposed the creation of the court were disappointed with it. Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, said if the court did not change its attitude he would favor limiting its powers or abolishing it, although he had voted to create it.

Mr. Poindexter said he was opposed to centralization in one court of the power of review of the Interstate Commerce Commission's orders, and expressed the hope that a way would be provided where an appeal could be taken direct from the Commission to the United States Supreme Court.

Experience showed, he contended, that the Commerce Court was supplanting the Commission. He denied the existence of the court had expedited commerce cases.

"It has expedited the issuance of temporary injunctions staying the orders of the Commission," he asserted. "I suppose the Supreme Court will centralization in one court of the Commerce Court" inquired Mr. Townsend.

"You do not deem it wise to wait to see what the Supreme Court does before abolishing the court?"

"No." Senator Clarke said the "mental attitude" of the court encouraged railroads to seek to enjoin every order of the Commission, whereas, previously, the tendency was to accept the orders.

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with the County Commissioners and they think by working nights it will tie up traffic but a few hours at most. It will take ten days or two weeks to get the machinery on the ground.

Bank Statements Required. SALEM, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—Superintendent of Banks Wright has received notice from the Comptroller of the Currency that a call for bank reports has been issued to cover the condition of the business of the banks up to the close of business on February 28.

Five After Hood River Place. HOOD RIVER, Or., February 25.—(Special).—Since the resignation of Horace G. Kauffman from the secretaryship of the Commercial Club,

Advertisement for Golden West Coffee, featuring an image of a coffee tin and text: 'Perfect delight, exquisite satisfaction, an ideal breakfast insured by Golden West Coffee Steel Cut. Order from your Grocer today.'

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