

BAKER MORSE IS SUED FOR FREEDOM

W. E. Reid Files Bill of Particulars of Services in Shortening Imprisonment.

Taft's Son's Name Used

Mrs. Morse, Plaintiff Declares, Was Prevented From Spending Money Unwisely in Hope of Securing Husband's Release.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Walter E. Reid, of Portland, Me., who is suing Charles Morse for \$150,000 for alleged breach of contract, today filed in the Federal District Court supplementary particulars demanded by the defendant in elaboration of the plaintiff's claim that he had prevented Morse and his wife from engaging in "improper and unwise enterprises" in their efforts to obtain the banker's release from the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Reid alleges he spent \$13,400 in fulfilling a contract to obtain Morse's release.

Morse's sentence of imprisonment for 15 years for misappropriation of the funds of the National Bank of America was commuted by President Woodrow Wilson on January 1, 1917, and President William H. Taft after the prisoner had served a little more than two years.

In his opinion, the prisoner's duration of life will be in all probability less than one month if kept in confinement, and in the event of his release under commutation of sentence it is not probable that he will live as long as six months.

Mr. Reid, in his additional particulars filed today, said:

"In the spring of 1916 at the New York office of the defendant, Mrs. Morse stated to the plaintiff that Erwin Morse, the defendant's son, was a college matriculate and that she was going to invite Robert Taft to New York to spend a week-end and offer him \$10,000 to use his influence in procuring defendant's release. Mrs. Morse also stated she would get Captain J. H. Christie to see Justice White. Plaintiff prevented Mrs. Morse from carrying out this plan.

\$50,000 Claimed Saved.

"Mrs. Morse also had interviews and correspondence with one Garland, of Philadelphia, Pa., who, at the defendant's pardon in consideration of \$50,000, of which sum the said Garland was to retain \$10,000 for himself. The method by which the pardon was to be obtained was undisclosed. The plaintiff prevented this arrangement from being carried out.

"After relating several instances in which Mr. Reid alleged that he prevented Mrs. Morse from using undisclosed means to obtain her husband's release, the supplementary bill of particulars enumerates a list of influential men, who, it alleges, were interviewed by the plaintiff in Morse's behalf, as follows:

Prominent Men Seen.

Governor Cobb, of Maine, who was induced to see the defendant; Senator Taft; Governor John F. Hill, at his office in Augusta, Me.; George E. Macomber, who was induced to see and aid see Senator Hale, of Maine; Senator Hale, at Washington, D. C.; Mr. Peavey saw President Taft several times; Congressman Allen, of Maine, at Washington; John Dwight, of New York, at Washington, D. C.; Sloat Fassett, at Washington; Edward O. Eldredge, at New York.

"Plaintiff also wrote to President Taft and corresponded with and interviewed officials of the Department of Justice, acting in the name of Attorney-General George W. Wickersham," says the supplementary bill of particulars.

"Although Morse in his answer to Reid's suit denied that the plaintiff had ever rendered any services for him, the plaintiff asserts that the contract sued upon—namely, the contract to secure a period from August 10, 1909, to May 1, 1913, and that his disbursements in Morse's behalf approximated \$13,400.

EL KADER GOES ASHORE

ASTORIA LAUNCH LIKELY TO BE TOTAL LOSS.

LITTLE CRAFT HAS BEEN PLYING BETWEEN ASTORIA AND PORTS AT MOUTH OF COLUMBIA RIVER.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The gasoline launch El Kader, that has been plying between this city and the ports at the mouth of the river, is ashore on the jetties and just below the Alex Grant seining grounds, and the indications are she will be a total loss.

The accident occurred about 11:20 o'clock last night. The launch was returning from Port Canby when her engines broke down and driven by the strong east wind, she drifted through the breakers and on the sands inside south of the jetties.

The El Kader was completely waterlogged and her hull was smashed. The windows were breaking clear over the waves. At low tide this afternoon she was high and dry.

The El Kader was built at Portland in 1902 as a pleasure launch for R. D. Bacon, one of the city's largest and best and her net tonnage is 21 tons. She was purchased a short time ago by Captain R. Swanson, who is now on the ship.

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CHARGE IS VIOLATION OF ESPIONAGE ACT.

United States Army Lieutenant, Aged 22, Arrested With Wife of German Officer in Chattanooga Hotel.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Baroness Iona Zollner, of New York, wife of a German army officer serving on the Flanders front, was held without bail for the Federal grand jury here today on the charge of violating the espionage act. Lieutenant John W. Spaulding, the 22-year-old United States Army officer, arrested with the woman at a local hotel last week, was sent to Fort Oglethorpe under guard after he had testified for the defense.

The charge against the Baroness is based chiefly upon a code found in her possession and letters written by her to her 16-year-old son, Bedford Shope. The code, Spaulding swore today, was arranged so the Baroness could be kept informed as to his movements until such time as he might be sent to France. One of the letters to the boy describes minutely a trip to Fort Oglethorpe, the condition of the roads and the topography of the surrounding country.

Spaulding testified that he loved the prisoner and wanted to marry her; that she had paid his hotel bills and other expenses on various occasions and that she helped him get the code and letters after he had been compelled to resign from the Naval Academy on account of "bills."

Commissioner McAlester, who conducted the hearing, indicated that much of the evidence against the defendant had been explained away. He refused to accept bail, but advised counsel for the woman to apply to the Federal district judge for a writ of habeas corpus.

1000 WORKERS IN DANGER

Correspondent Says Krupp Fire Caused No Loss of Life.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—A frontier correspondent of the Handelsblad says that the explosion which occurred recently at the Krupp works had its origin in a building where 1000 persons were employed. The engine-room and turning-shop suffered most, and only the wooden portion of the building was destroyed. According to this correspondent, there was no loss of life.

MANY EDITORS CONTRIBUTE Christmas Number of "Recruiters' Bulletin" Is Interesting.

ELDER DE SAULLES IS DEAD

End Believed to Have Been Hastened by Tragedy of Son.

BETHLEHEM, Penn., Dec. 24.—Major Arthur Bruce de Saulles died here today, aged 78. He had been ill for some time. Death was hastened by the tragedy of his son, John, who was shot by his former wife, Blanca de Saulles.

Major De Saulles earned his title in the Confederate army.

CLERK REFUSES TO QUIT

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Watson was arrested by city police last night at local I. W. W. headquarters. The officers said he attended a meeting of the local radicals yesterday and made a spirited speech. Twenty-one alleged I. W. W. were arrested yesterday when they fraternized with the Russian crew on the dock.

Shortly before noon today the commandant of the station where the American sailors were from went into conference with the United States District Attorney. It was ascertained that the Russian crew had been given a leave of absence for several days.

Money Not Yet Found.

Saturday night unverified rumors were circulated that the vessel carried \$100,000 sent by Bolshewiki to aid the defense of I. W. W. under trial in Chicago. Officials have found no trace of the money.

Early today Federal agents, digging their way down into the hold of the Shilka, came across a number of small packing boxes.

When they picked up the boxes and endeavored to throw them to one side, the Russians on the vessel seized and excited and one cried: "Look out, it will explode."

"An investigation to determine the purpose of those in charge of the ship will be made immediately," the United States District Attorney said today. "We know that the Shilka is manned by a Bolshewiki crew and apparently is in charge of a committee of five that took the vessel over after the crew mutiny a few days out of the Russian port."

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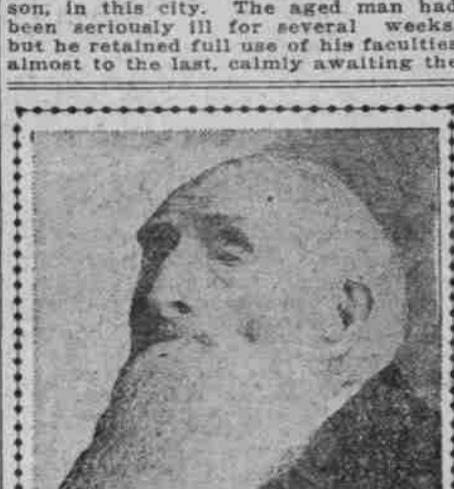
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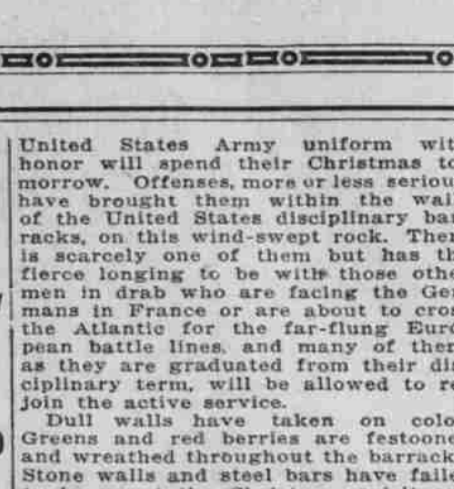
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