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Report on Revoking Naturalization Published.

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LONDON, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British home secretary today issued, in the form of a government paper, the report on which Sir Edgar Speyer's naturalization was recently revoked.

Among the allegations contained in the report were a loan of \$5000 to a man named Ware for the benefit of the now non-existent Boston Journal; details of Sir Edgar's association with Karl Muck, ex-conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra, and with John Koren; Sir Edgar's trafficking and communication with enemy agents during the war, and his evasion of the British censorship.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sir Edgar Speyer, international financier and ex-privy councillor of Great Britain, in a statement here concerning the report of the British naturalization revocation committee, which recommended that his British citizenship be revoked because of charges of disloyalty during the war, said today he proposed "in self-defense to exhibit in their true light the origin, history and purpose of the proceedings against him."

Actions Declared Innocent.

"The decision of the committee," he said, "is based on three alleged grounds, equally tenuous and untenable."

"What the committee characterized as trading with enemy," he said, consisted of "trifling transactions in securities and exchange with a reputable Amsterdam banking house, as though it were disloyal to deal with Holland during the war, as most British bankers' houses, including ours, were doing, with the full knowledge of the government."

The second chief allegation, he pointed out, that of communicating with the enemy, consisted solely of "communicating with my sisters and their families in an entirely innocent way."

Persecution Is Charged.

The third principal count, he said, was really that of "evading the censor with the full knowledge of the censor and insisting upon the right to do so in matters all of which were legitimate and innocent."

"The whole thing is neither more nor less than the culmination of years of political persecution," he said.

Sir Edgar said that he and his family sailed for the United States in May, 1915, life for them in England having "become intolerable."

DISABILITY PAY PROMISED

Veterans in Hospitals in Northwest Get Allowance.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6.—Information received at the district office here today from the central office of the United States Veterans' bureau stated that veterans taking vocational training in the Pacific northwest district, who are sent to a hospital for an annual or longer period, will hereafter receive temporary disability compensation of \$80 or \$90 a month. Single men will be paid \$80 and married men \$90.

This was taken to mean that a veteran of partial disability status would not have his compensation cut during his stay in a hospital. The procedure of making a revised award being eliminated. Another ruling announced today gives the veteran of slight disability the privilege of reinstating his war risk insurance without paying all the back premiums, according to Bradley Foxworth, chief of the insurance department of the United States Veterans' bureau here.

DRINK BLAMED FOR FALL

Express Agent Who Disappeared With \$5000 Surrenders.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 6.—C. S. Pinkham, who said he was agent or cashier for the American Express company at Reno, Nev., surrendered himself to Sheriff John Jones here tonight, declaring he had taken \$5000 in negotiable checks belonging to the company on New Year's eve.

Pinkham, in a purported confession to Sheriff Jones, said he had already spent \$1000. Checks totaling \$4000 were found on his person.

Reno authorities were notified of Pinkham's surrender. They said a warrant for his arrest was in existence and that an officer would be dispatched at once to bring the prisoner back.

Sheriff Jones declared Pinkham said he took the checks with him when he started out to celebrate the advent of the new year and could not remember when he left, or how he had disposed of the \$1000.

UNEMPLOYMENT ON GAIN

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In Los Angeles the increase was 4.8 per cent. There was a reduction in the number on payrolls reported in 23 of 212 cities. Sioux City, Ia., 15.6 and Seattle 12. New York showed a slight increase in employment, amounting to 1.5 per cent, while in Chicago there was a decrease of 2.7 per cent in the number of hands reported on payrolls.

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Merchant Laughs Away Report of His Death in Florida.

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