

CONNECTION OF PRESSREPORTERS WITH LEAK PROBE

Three Newspaper Men Who Furnished Tips to Brokers Censured by the Press Gallery—Ethics as High as Those of Papers They Represent—No High Standard of Morality.

By GILSON GARDNER.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Three newspaper correspondents have been called on to testify in the "leak" inquiry, and it has developed that they furnished information to brokerage officers on things likely to affect the market. The standing committee of the press gallery has passed a resolution noting that they look with disfavor on what these correspondents did, saying that it is contrary to the ethics of the profession.

It is contrary to the ethics, judged by what a majority of the correspondents do. There are about 150 men in the gallery and there are certainly not more than four or five who have had these so-called stock-ticker connections.

Get Rich By It.
The firm represented by Mr. Messenger, of the Star, was represented before him by Robert Wynne, ex-postmaster under Roosevelt, and later consul-general under Roosevelt and later consul general to London. The work was carried for years as a "side line" by Wynne and was given up when he became wealthy enough not to need the money any more. The connection held by Mr. Price, who for years has covered the White House for the Washington Star, was not generally known to other correspondents or to the standing committee.

One of the rules of the gallery requires that candidates for admission to its privileges sign a statement that their principal business is furnishing news to daily papers and that while members of the gallery corps they will not undertake any other business, and particularly that they will not become interested in any legislation pending before congress. This is to prevent the employment of newspaper correspondents as lobbyists. Their access to the lobby and the gallery and their familiarity with legislation and acquaintance with public men would be useful in lobby work, and congress insists upon maintaining a high standard of morality for the men who report its doings.

Do Own Lobbying.
This is as it should be, more particularly since congress does not insist upon the same high standard of morality for its members. Three out of five congressmen are connected with some law firm at home or even in Washington, and many of them do become interested in pending legislation through ties to the law firm.

Ex-Senator Dick of Ohio for years permitted his name to appear as a member of a firm in Washington of Dick, Doyle & O'Brien, and at one time this connection brought into the Congressional Record some very prosy stuff about mining stock, which certainly had very little to do with general legislation. Almost every big industry in the country has its more or less well recognized representative in the house and senate—the brewers, the liquor dealers, the cotton men, the steel trust and the rest.

Much of the old-time profitable lobbying in Washington has been done away with by the more efficient system of having the representative of the interest in congress itself. The superfluous middle man is thus eliminated.

Moral Standard.
The standard of morality in the press gallery is about as high as the standard of morality of the newspapers who lure the men. About 70 per cent of the latter are inevitably dominated by big business, through their ownership or advertising, and by reason of the big capital required to run a city newspaper. These papers see things from the standpoint mostly of business with a more or less large "b." That is why there is so little, comparatively speaking, radicalism and progressiveness in the United States. Such political thought would be voiced only in a really free press, and that is a scarce commodity in any part of the world.

The correspondents in the gallery are as a whole more radical and honest than their owners. If every correspondent were free to tell all he knew and to write all he thinks, newspapers would be more interesting reading than they are. This, however, is all beside the mark. If the congressional leak committee are really in search of the leak, they will drop their inquiries into the seams of the press and so after the big sinners about whom the press does not always write.

CONGESTION OF FREIGHT SERIOUS; DUE TO EMBARGO

Policy of Refusing Shipments to New York of Experts Unless Shipper Can Prove Cargo Room Causes Accumulations in Interior Cities—Likely to Dump Foodstuffs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The immediate cause of the serious freight congestion reported by many interior cities, railroad men declared today, is their policy of refusing shipments to New York of freight for export unless the shipper can prove that his cargo room engaged so that his goods can be loaded on a boat immediately after its delivery here. The rigorous application of this rule has transferred the accumulation of freight that otherwise would be piling up here to the warehouses at manufacturing and producing centers in the west and south.

Due to U-Boat Scare.
As the base of the freight transportation situation, a number of causes are assigned. Among these are the reduction on the amount of freight leaving New York because of Germany's new submarine policy, cold weather and snow which has delayed trains and interfered with truck deliveries in cities and the shortage of cars.

For the purpose of relieving terminal points, the railroads in this territory are imposing new embargoes. If the embargoes are continued, one result, it is predicted, will be the dumping of thousands of tons of foodstuffs into domestic markets in order to prevent the food from perishing. Railroads are said to be suffering heavy financially and it is pointed out that only by unloading supplies at the cities where loaded cars stand idle, instead of holding for exportation, can the situation be relieved so that some of the embargoes may be lifted.

Virtual Blockade.
The seriousness of the congestion is emphasized by what shippers characterize as a virtual blockade of Atlantic ports, particularly New York. The steamships of the Holland-American, Scandinavian-American, Norwegian-American and American lines, and with one exception, the vessels of the Swedish-American line, are tied up here, their holds entirely filled or spoken for. Only the Stockholm of the Swedish-American line has a definite sailing date—tomorrow.

Railroad heads here are informing managers that if this situation continues it will result in unemployment through decrease in output in inland factories. Hardships suffered by manufacturers engaged in exporting, it is declared, are multiplied by the practice of the entente not paying for goods until delivered.

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and the British authorities have already said that the withdrawal of the Americans would mean the cancellation of privileges granted for the relief.

It is hoped, however, that a joint international Dutch and Spanish commission may take it over with the work largely directed by Dutch army officers, although guaranteed by the two governments. This would have one great advantage as the Dutch have a surplus of fats and vegetables which could be diverted to Belgium. The Netherlands, however, are so short of cereals that some four million cattle, on which they depend for butter, milk and cheese will be in a bad plight unless sailings of ships are restored.

Mr. Hoover estimates that supplies now in Belgium will last about six weeks. German officials feel that the supply will last while other arrangements are being made.

KAISER'S ONLY THOUGHT NOW SON'S DESTINY

Two Kinds of News Coming From Berlin and Russell Points Out Significance of the One We Americans Don't Note Particularly—Will America Stand for Kings?

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Providence has put into the hands of the United States of America this astonishing great gift that it may, if it will, end the war, take its stand with the democracies of Europe, seal the doom of autocracy and lessen forever the chances of another war.

Wonderful days, wonderful opportunities, wondrous service. Let us give humble thanks.

See how marvelously these things have come about.

Two Kinds of News.
Two kinds of news issue from Germany. One is official dope prepared for general consumption; the other is the real thing, coming in scraps and often to be read between the lines. Somehow we Americans still seem to fall for the first; otherwise there would be no doubt anywhere as to the situation and what will come of it.

A few days ago two Americans who had been prisoners in Germany landed in England and were interviewed by an American newspaper. They said that this was what they had to eat:

Breakfast—Coffee made of acorns. Dinner—Stew of 10 pounds of meat to each 500 men.

Supper—Thinnest gruel. Things like these, which you can find in the corners of your newspapers, tell the true story, not these official dispatches breathing fire, brimstone and slaughter.

Acorns and Gruel.
Also, you may have noticed that since the American break the carefully censored and directed German newspapers, although certain of war speak with the greatest circumspection of American and Americans, and announce that no Americans will be interned or molested.

All of which, taken together, means that Germany is in the last ditch. Her food supply is gone at last. Her enemies are getting ready for one huge drive upon her. On a diet of acorns and gruel her soldiers cannot possibly stand the paff.

The autocratic, overbearing, insolent, medieval government knows these things. The fine German people, fed up with government lies, don't know them. Not much longer can they be kept in ignorance of the truth. When they learn it, look out for the fireworks.

Keeping the Kaiser Job.
What Kaiser Wilhelm wants first of all is to keep the kaiserling job in the family. That is always the first problem of the European breed of kings—how to keep the monarchy still going. How to keep the gang of useless parasites on the payroll—that's the job.

It is odd that we in this country don't pay more attention to the royalty games abroad for it is the secret of about one-half of the dirty moves on the dirty chess board of European politics, and all the time it is making history. Preserve the succession—assure the heir to the throne a safe path to it.

For this, Napoleon the Third, when he saw Sedan was going against him, placed himself deliberately in the way of the shells that he might be killed in battle and thus insure the throne to his eldest son.

For this also some very curious things have happened within two years in the policy of Italy.

In the case of Germany it centers around the crown prince, and gosh!

RAILROADS PLACE EMBARGO UPON ALL EXPORT SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Representatives of thirty chief railroads considering the car shortage situation here today made a "gentlemen's agreement" to declare a virtual embargo against all shipments for export from eastern ports, to adopt a liberal use of "an intelligent embargo" against the eastbound domestic shipments and to send empty cars west in solid train loads as fast as possible.

Representatives of the interstate commerce commission present at the meeting are understood to favor the plan.

The roads working in close co-operation will not accept further export shipments until part of the export traffic congested in eastern ports is removed. As fast as this traffic is loaded on steamers new freight will be accepted.

Commercial and foodstuffs for domestic use will be accepted, the latter in limited quantities, and will have preference over all other eastbound freight. Two fifty-car trains of grain and flour will be moved daily from Minneapolis by fast freight; the grain for New England and the flour for Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York and New England, where it is said there is a threatened shortage.

Every railroad yard in the east is reported in a state of congestion. Railroad officials have agreed to pick out the empties from the thousands of cars thus tied up and to send them west in solid trains ahead of all other traffic except passenger trains.

Regular Communication.
Medford Lodge 103, A. F. & A. M., Friday evening, February 16. By order W. M.

A. L. Allison of Cottage Grove spent the first of the week in the city visiting friends.

BOLLING SEVERS CONNECTION WITH LEAKING BROKERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—R. W. Bolling, a brother-in-law of President Wilson announced today that he had severed his connection with F. A. Connolly and company, a local brokerage house, which, the peace note leak investigation established, furnished a forecast of the note to clients a day in advance of its publication.

Bolling denied any connection whatever with the affair and Fred J. Essary, a newspaper correspondent, testified it was he who wrote the forecast.

Another New York stock exchange firm in addition to E. F. Hutton and company, had an advance "tip" from Clement, Curtis and company of Chicago on possible peace developments December 20, it was brought out at today's session of the "leak" committee.

Clifford Buckman of Raymond Fynchon and company testified that on that date his firm sent out to its correspondents a warning that they "would not be surprised" to see developments later in the day regarding peace which might affect the market unfavorably. Mr. Buckman said that he received word yesterday from A. M. Clement of Clement, Curtis and company stating that Clement had sent to G. M. Pynchon a message "at 11:55 a. m. similar to the one I sent to E. F. Hutton regarding leaks."

The congressional committee investigating the "leak" on the president's peace note will hold no more public hearings, in view of the growing seriousness of the international crisis, it was announced by Chairman Henry Sherman L. Whipple, the committee's counsel, said that the examination of reports made by brokers and personal interviews with brokers would be continued by the committee.

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New Spring Wash Goods

None too early to begin making up spring wearables—at any rate you will enjoy seeing the fresh, crisp new fabrics now on display.
New Printed Voiles
Vast assortment of pretty designs in floral and striped effects—dainty material for waists and dresses, shown in all the newest shades for spring. 25c to 75c
New Gingham for spring are now ready for your selection. All the staple colors and patterns, as well as many new combinations. 12 1/2c and 15c
New White Linwear, beautiful sheer material for waists, dresses, underwear, etc., plain and novelty weaves—priced 15c to 75c
New Percales in a wide range of handsome new patterns for spring dresses. Also new shirting materials in assorted patterns—priced 18c

New Silks

Indications point to a strong demand for silks the coming season, particularly for pongee and kindred weaves, we have the popular silks in all the wanted colors for spring.
New Pongees—Plain Pongee, imported quality, 27-inch—prices range from 85c
36-inch Imported Pongee, yd. \$1.00
36-inch Sport Striped, yard \$1.35
New Sport Silk Poplins, in all the leading colors for dresses, skirts, waists, etc.; these are sure to be very popular, so don't wait until the best are picked out, 36 inches wide, yard \$1.39

New Spring Suits

We are showing an advance shipment of the authentic styles in Spring Suits sent by our buyer, Miss Banks, from New York. Various materials—Gabardines, Serges, Poplins, Velours, Belted and Loose Effects. Come and see these clever models in the new shades.



New Waists

The new Waists fairly breathe the spirit of springtime, with their many dainty style touches, dame fashion has decreed for the coming season. There are many different models—some have dainty embroidery designs, many handsome styles have lace trimmed collars and cuffs, made up in excellent quality crepe de chine, georgette crepe and various other materials. All the new bright shades are shown in this assortment—the prices range from \$3.69 to \$15.00

New Spring Petticoats

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