

# ACCUSES REED BEING ATTORNEY FOR W. R. HEARST

Missouri Senator and Alfred L. Becker, Deputy Attorney General in Sharp Clash—Senator Tries to Find Identity of Persons Employed in German Propaganda Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Cross-questioning by Senator Reed of Missouri, who is not a member of the committee, led to a sharp clash at today's session of the senate committee investigating German propaganda between the Missouri senator and Alfred L. Becker, deputy attorney-general of New York, and Major E. Lowry Humes, in charge of the inquiry.

Mr. Becker refused to answer questions by Senator Reed as to the identity of persons employed by the attorney-general of New York to get information concerning the German propaganda system. Senator Reed demanded that the committee instruct the witness to answer.

Hearst Comes In  
Becker asked the senator if he desired to have information on "matters relating to his client, Mr. Hearst," whereupon Senator Reed told the committee that Mr. Becker's reply had been framed in an insolent manner and denied that he was appearing for Mr. Hearst.

"You don't mean to say that Mr. Hearst is my client?" asked Senator Reed.

"I beg your pardon," said Mr. Becker.

"You needn't beg my pardon," Senator Reed retorted. "Your answer was what your testimony has been all the way through this case and it does not reflect on your veracity. I am here trying to develop some truth thru a mass of testimony that has been distorted."

Secret Service Work  
Mr. Becker based his refusal to answer the question on the ground that it was secret service work, and secrecy was essential to its success. He said that he had known that "the Hearst forces" had been trying for six months to find out the names of the men making the investigation and "they haven't found out yet."

Major Humes objected to Senator Reed's questioning and Senator Reed asked him who he represented. Major Humes replied that he represented the committee and had been detailed by the war department to conduct the investigation and was under orders from the committee.

"If you do represent the committee," said Senator Reed, "I want to know what kind of representation it is that you give when you refuse to give the names of people who got this testimony."

"I will not dignify the question with an answer," replied Major Humes.

Becker Apologizes  
Another flare up occurred when Senator Reed asked Mr. Becker if it were not true that he obtained information which he used for political purposes. Mr. Becker interrupted the senator in his long question with the comment:

"I hope the Hearst reporter is getting this."

A moment later he apologized to the committee for the remark.

Senator Reed tried to make Mr. Becker state the expense incurred in obtaining the affidavits and depositions. Becker said he could not remember the aggregate but that nothing was paid the witnesses or deponents except to cover their loss of time taken in making the affidavits. He added that all the affidavits were taken "in good faith" and "along with many others about Mr. Hearst, which I have not made public."

The committee reserved its ruling on whether Mr. Becker should be compelled to make public the names of the state investigators.

Later when Becker spoke of Senator Reed "holding a brief" from Hearst, the senator addressing the committee asked that such references be stopped. "If the committee doesn't stop him I will take my own way of doing it," he said.

Chairman Overman said he believed the reply to be improper and Mr. Becker again apologized.

Senator Reed asked Mr. Becker further about a statement given out jointly by Attorney General Lewis and Mr. Becker dealing with a dinner given in honor of William Randolph Hearst by Bolo Pasha. Mr. Becker said that Mr. Hearst's indignation at that statement was the beginning of a suspicion in his mind that there might be a connection between Hearst and Bolo Pasha.

Hearst Lied  
That statement coupled with the fact that Hearst lied when he said that he had met Bolo only once when the statement of his own employe showed that he met him at least three times; right then was born in my mind the impression that there might be something wrong.

Senator Reed asked the witness if he stood by his statement that Mr. Hearst lied about the Bolo incident. Mr. Becker replied that he would change the reference to a statement that was untrue because, he said, a lie implies an intent to tell what was not true.

# CHINESE GARDNER BECOMES A RICH SHIP MAGNATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Recently, there sailed in through the Golden Gate a great trans-Pacific liner carrying as a passenger a Chinese who was part owner of the vessel. The purpose of his visit to this country was to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the China Mail Steamship company. Twenty years ago this same Chinese came through the Golden Gate, an emigrant from China, as a steerage passenger hoping for a chance to secure employment as a laborer.

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# RIVAL U. S. STEEL FORMED IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Organization of the North American Steel Products corporation, a combination of the larger independent steel companies, to advance their foreign trade, was formally announced here today.

The new exporting organization will represent the following companies with a combined annual output capacity of 12,000,000 tons:

Bethlehem Steel, Brier Hill Steel, Lackawanna Steel, Lukens Steel, Midvale Steel and Ordnance, Republic Iron and Steel, Sharon Steel, Hoop, Trumbull Steel, Whittaker-Glessner company and Youngstown Sheet and Tube company.

E. A. S. Clarke, president of the Lackawanna Steel company, will be president of the corporation, having resigned his present position to take effect January 1. In a statement outlining of the purpose of the organization, Mr. Clark said today:

"It is expected that other producing interests will join the North American company later and in that eventuality it will represent in export trade substantially all important steel producing companies of the country—outside of the United States Steel corporation.

"The company expects to incorporate immediately and to begin active business on January 2, next. In addition to its principal office in New York City, the location of which has not yet been decided, it will have branches throughout the world wherever the introduction and sale of American iron and steel products make it desirable.

SENATOR JONES ASKS FOR MONEY TO FIGHT "FLU"  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A joint resolution appropriating \$200,000 to combat influenza in Alaska was introduced today by Senator Jones of Washington. The senator said hundreds of indigent natives are suffering from the disease, and the Red Cross funds for relief there have been exhausted.

after the holidays but not until after Senator Reed and Mr. Becker had another clash. Senator Reed said he had known Mr. Hearst as a newspaper man, that he had had no social or personal relations with him and no political relations with him "except generally he supports the party to which I belong."

Unfair to Hearst  
"I have followed these hearings closely," he added, "and I have become convinced that there has been some attempt to fasten the crime of treason on Mr. Hearst by placing together scraps of information. For that reason I asked to cross-examine this witness and I would have done the same thing for the editor of the New York Times or any other newspaper, or for any street laborer."

"That is why I am here," Senator Reed continued, "and any man who intimates anything to the contrary is a common scoundrel."

Chairman Overman directed the official stenographer to strike the last reference to Mr. Becker from the record, but Senator Wolcott interposed an objection.

"If the committee does not keep this witness within the traces he will have to take his medicine if he gets out," Senator Reed continued.

"I have no objection to the remark going into the record," said Mr. Becker. "I am used to being attacked, and I am glad to be pursued by anyone representing the Hearst crowd."

The statement went into the record.

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# SENATOR LODGE LEADS ATTACK ON PRESIDENT WILSON

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Montenegro, the restoration of Rumania, the consolidation of all the Rumanian people under one government as well as the neutralization of the Straits, the putting of Constantinople under international protection with Greece perhaps as the mandatory of the powers to administer the affairs of the city, the independence of Armenia, the return of those portions of Asia Minor where Greeks are predominant to Greece, the protection of Syria and Palestine from the Turks, a large, powerful and independent Polish state, in the independence of Russia's Baltic provinces, the return of Danish Slesvig to the Danes and the neutralization of the Kiel canal.

"These physical guarantees which I have thus far suggested all have one object and that is to so hem Germany in that she cannot attempt conquest in Russia or the east and that the Slavic populations, which she has mercilessly used in her wars, can never be so used by her again.

Heavy Indemnities

"In addition to these guarantees, there must be heavy indemnities paid by Germany for the ruin she has wrought in Belgium and northern France and in Italy and for her destruction of vessels, both neutral and belligerent, through the use of submarines. In those indemnities the United States must have its proper and proportional share, not only direct indemnity for its ships destroyed by submarines and its people murdered on the Lusitania and other vessels, but a suitable restitution, in part at least, of the vast expenses forced upon us by Germany.

"It will be for the peace conference to determine what disposition should be made of the German colonies, but one thing is essential, and that is that they should not be returned to the tyrannical misgovernment of Germany and that she should be deprived of those means for extending her commerce and building up military outposts in all parts of the world."

League of Nations

Of the League of Nations, Senator Lodge said no definite plan has yet been put forth that would not cause indefinite controversies.

"The attempt now to form a League of Nations with power to enforce its decrees," he said, "can tend only to embarrass the peace that we ought to make at once with Germany. If it were successful and were to come before the senate it might endanger the peace treaty and force amendments."

"Are we prepared to allow any association of nations by a majority vote to order the troops and ships of the United States to go to war? Unless we are prepared to do so, we are not prepared to join a league of nations which is going to enforce peace."

Freedom of Seas

In urging the postponement of the question of freedom of the seas, Senator Lodge said it was another undefined question and added:

"If it means abandonment of the

# MILNER'S SPEECH CALLED WILSON TO PAY LONDON VISIT

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian suggests that President Wilson's sudden determination to come to England is due to his desire to consult the British government regarding the Russian situation before the preliminaries to the peace conference. He calls attention to the statement by Viscount Milner, secretary for war, on the Russian situation, which he says was "evidently intended to prepare the public for events to come."

"Rumors of an advanced policy against Russia are growing daily," the correspondent continues, "and feeling has become very tense about our next adventure in Russia. The share which America must take in any big attempt to overthrow the Bolshevik and reconstruct Russia, if she takes a further share, must be a large one."

belligerent right of blockade, I think the United States will hesitate before it abandons a weapon absolutely necessary for its own safety."

Discussing secret diplomacy, the senator said this point of President Wilson's need not be incorporated in the peace treaty because secret treaties never have and cannot exist in this country.

Urging postponement of action on the matter of economic barriers, he said it "opens a wide field of discussion" and "its settlement is not in the least essential to ending the war by a peace with Germany. We can make that peace without determining at this moment what we shall do with our tariffs, in the making of which every nation ought to have entire freedom."

Russia, Senator Lodge declared, presents an important problem in connection with the world peace and reconstruction which cannot be shirked. All civilized nations, he urged, must aid in restoration of Russia.

The Bolshevik

"We have no present government in Russia," he said, "with which any one can deal intelligently. The thing that calls itself a government is no more fit to be dealt with in negotiation than a band of anthropoid apes. There is nothing that seems to indicate that the Russian people have the power to extricate themselves. We have troops in Russia. Unfortunately they are so few that it is greatly to be feared that they are wholly inadequate for the work they may have to do."

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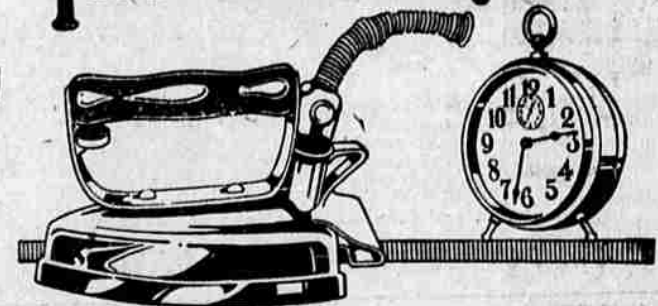
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