

LAYING THE KEEL OF BATTLESHIP NO. 39.

NO MERCY IF SIEGEL SHOWS BAD FAITH

Inspired Statement Says Mr. Whitman Is Already Angry at Tactics.

MUST PAY DEPOSITORS; THREAT AND SOP IDLE

Prosecutor Will Push Cases to the Limit Unless Defendants Manifest Proper Spirit.

If Henry Siegel and his partner, Frank E. Vogel, wish to receive any leniency in the matter of the indictments now pending against them they must show their good faith by doing something for the 15,000 depositors who put \$2,500,000 in their now wrecked bank.

If they wish to have every charge against them pushed by the District Attorney's office, with that office demanding the limit on every count on which they may be found guilty, they will continue to attempt to force District Attorney Whitman to let them go scot free by making it appear that that official is standing between them and 100 cents on the dollar.

This information came to The Tribune yesterday from a source whose reliability cannot be questioned. Personally Mr. Whitman refuses to discuss Siegel's talk of flight and the efforts that are being made to force his hand. He may talk later. He resents very strongly what he considers an effort on the part of Siegel, Vogel, their lawyers and their friends to compel any promise of immunity.

Such a promise, Mr. Whitman believes, would be nothing short of compounding a felony, and would be an offense on his part that should cause his removal from office and his donning the convict garb with which it purports to have the law clothe others.

Mr. Whitman, it is learned, believes that Siegel and Vogel and their friends have been "bluffing" in their talk of giving \$450,000 to the depositors and going to work to earn money to meet notes they promise to give for the balance that are payable in five years, by which time the statute of limitations would bar prosecutions.

Already he feels that in allowing them ten weeks in which to do something he has not been unduly severe, and as they are at large there is nothing to prevent their doing something now for the depositors.

Siegel had an unpleasant time with one of his lawyers yesterday. He was told not to talk, was advised that his "work was rough" and was ordered to let others do whatever might be necessary in the way of talking and making threats.

A peculiar development yesterday was that the offer of Henry Siegel's Mamaronock estate, Driftwood, for sale, advertised on Sunday was not authorized by Leo A. Price, who owns the H. S. Realty Company, in whom the title to the property rests. Charles Field Griffen, head of the firm offering the property for sale, said he could not disclose the name of his principal until after a conference with him.

"I did not know the place had been offered for sale until a few minutes ago," said Mr. Price. "I have been so busy with other matters," he said to a Tribune reporter last night. "The property belongs to the H. S. Realty Company, and I own that company. Nobody but myself can say what shall be done with it. Why any one should presume to offer it for sale I do not know."

"Whether I shall bid for the Fourteenth Street Store as an entirety depends upon the outcome of a conference I shall have with the owners of the real estate tomorrow afternoon. The store can be made profitable if some of the money it takes in is used for other purposes than paying rents out of all proportion to values."

Mercantile circles heard yesterday that the United Dry Goods Company, controlled by John Claflin, would be a bidder for the Simpson-Crawford store as it is. Mr. Claflin declined to make any comment.

An effort to adjust the claims of the depositors in the bank and the mercantile creditors is being made by John P. Murray, of Coudert Brothers, and Joseph M. Hartfield, of White & Case, counsel for the latter. Mr. Hartfield yesterday suggested to Mr. Murray that the bank creditors be allowed \$100,000 for their claims against the Simpson-Crawford Company and \$75,000 for those against the Fourteenth Street Store, leaving the claim against the Henry Siegel Company of Boston to be adjusted through the courts.

Mr. Murray insisted that this was not enough and objected to excluding the Boston store. Mr. Hartfield then suggested \$300,000 for the claims against all the stores. This Murray objected to as being too small.

It was finally agreed to allow the matter to rest for the present.

The examination of Siegel and Vogel assigned for this afternoon before United States Commissioner Alexander Gilchrist, Jr., has been put over to Friday pending negotiations between the various interests.

TO AID SIEGEL EMPLOYEES Benefit Performance for Those Who Lost Jobs.

The employees of the Fourteenth Street Store, who have been thrown out of employment and who have had their sick benefit fund and bank deposits wiped out by the failure of Henry Siegel, are to be given a benefit performance at the New York Theatre, where a pretorial version of Alexandre Dumas's great novel, "The Three Musketeers," is being shown.

Carroll M. Robertson, president of the Anglo-American Film Corporation, which controls the New York Theatre and owns the Dumas masterpiece, has tendered the entire receipts of March 23 for the benefit of those most in need of assistance. Mr. Robertson will be assisted by Mrs. Grace Vanderbilt, Mrs. Belmont Tiffany and many other women prominent in society, who have consented to act as patronesses, to alleviate any suffering and hardship found among the employees.

Arthur L. Price, manager of the Fourteenth Street Store, has accepted the offer of Mr. Robertson, and will co-operate with the management to make the benefit a huge success.



WEE PARALYTICS SHOW BIG GAINS

Victims of Spastic Variety of the Disease Respond to Operative Experiment.

Nine little cripples, in some cases mentally as well as physically impaired, hobbled down the aisle and back to the platform in Du Bois Hall, in the Academy of Medicine, last night, proud of themselves as they showed their accomplishments to the physicians and surgeons of the City Medical Association.

They were all victims of spastic paralysis, and their new powers of brain and muscles were the blessing of an experiment. Dr. William Sharpe tried it first at the Nassau Hospital with such success that he continued the treatment on thirty-four cases from the Orthopedic and Rupture and Cripple hospitals. Of these three died during the last ten days, but the other thirty-one have so improved that they are learning the things that normal children learn at the age of two years.

The cause of spastic paralysis is in 70 per cent of the cases a lesion of the brain, which causes a clot. The resulting pressure prevents the use of that part of the body controlled by the impeded part of the brain. These cases become more imbecile and idiotic as they grow older. The treatment heretofore has been peripheral and did not touch the actual lesion. It was a formidable one for a child to undergo and resulted only in temporary benefit.

The treatment advocated by Dr. Sharpe, on the other hand, is of two parts, the first being the removal of the pressure that impedes the brain and the second the exercising of the muscles which had not previously been used. Part one is performed by cutting just above the right ear and giving relief by decompression. If necessary a bilateral decompression is performed—a process which affords three cubic inches more brain space and brings the patient in immediate improvement.

The mothers who brought their children to the meeting last night were so enthusiastic over the prospects for their children—one of them almost forcing testimony on the meeting—that some surgeons were afraid the improvement had not been real, but that the enthusiasm arose over the children's recovery from the operation. To provide against such doubt Dr. Sharpe has taken moving pictures of the patients as they acted before and after his treatment.

TO PROBE BISCHOFF BANK Whitman Will Investigate to Aid Depositors.

Because of the large number of complaints that have come in from those who had money on deposit with the firm of Henry A. Bischoff, a private banking concern at No. 287 Broadway, that went into the hands of a receiver last fall, District Attorney Whitman yesterday decided to carry on an investigation of the failure. The depositors allege that money was accepted on deposit after the firm was aware of its insolvency.

Aaron J. Colton, Assistant District Attorney, for some time has been carrying on an unofficial inquiry into the affairs of the concern and will be in charge of the investigation. It is expected that an accountant of the American Audit Company, who has been working on the Siegel failure, and a state bank examiner will be called upon to check over the books of the banking house.

WIFE OF PRISONER TRAPS A "KEEPER" Ex-Convict, It Is Said, Promised to Get Husband's Release for \$20.

Preying on the hopes and fears of anxious relatives of prisoners on Blackwell's Island has proved a lucrative pastime, the Brooklyn police say, for Elmer Smith, an ex-convict. Smith was arrested last night when he kept an appointment with Mrs. Cora Walker, of No. 204 Atlantic avenue, who says she was to pay him \$20 for the release of her husband.



HENRY WILLIAMS, JR. Who drove the first bolt.

NO HOMES FOR MRS. HOMES Charges Real Estate Fraud—Man and Woman Are Held.

After holding a John Doe inquiry for two weeks into accusations against Joseph A. Rock, of No. 496 East 135th street, and Mrs. Rose A. Lusk, of No. 447 East 123d street, Magistrate Appleton in the Tombs police court yesterday decided that he had enough evidence to warrant holding them in \$500 bail to the Court of General Sessions on a charge of grand larceny.

Christina Homes, of No. 410 East 15th street, is the complainant. She alleges that Rock and Mrs. Lusk induced her to buy five lots, supposedly in the heart of a fine residential section of Long Island and near a beautiful lake, but which in reality are near Manorville, Long Island. She says the only thing in sight, after she had persuaded a conductor to let her off, was boggy ground and a few scrubby trees. She was unable to find her property.

She returned to New York and under an assumed name got evidence to the two arrested. Deputy Assistant District Attorney Deuel is investigating the case.

SURROGATE WOULD ABOLISH OWN JOB Fowler for Abandoning Special Courts and Combining Judicial System.

Robert Ludlow Fowler, Surrogate of New York County, has given expression to the opinion that the litigated business of the surrogates could be more expeditiously handled by the Supreme Court. In this he has made a suggestion that would abolish his own position.

The non-litigated business in the rural counties could be very well done by county clerks and in large cities by registry offices presided over by an official whose salary need not be large, as his duties would not be highly technical," he said.

Surrogate Fowler said that the abolition of special courts and consolidation of the judicial system were in line with the modern tendency in Great Britain and in the various commonwealths of the United States.

The man who receives the wills of the City of New York made his position plain when he discussed the Wende bill pending in the Legislature. This is a general bill revising judicial procedure and making radical changes in the functions of the Surrogate.

"My principal objection to the bill is that it proposes extensive changes in the judicial system on the eve of the most important constitutional convention ever held in this state," said the Surrogate. "It seems to me that in view of the near approach of the constitutional convention any revision of the law relating to surrogates would be premature."

The tendency of the bill is to enlarge the surrogates' courts. This will necessitate larger courts and more officers and attendants and very largely increase the cost to the people of the state. To my mind this is an insuperable objection to the pending measure. The tendency should be to simplify the structure of the courts.

"I had hoped that no great change would be made in the surrogates' courts by my time, but after examining the benefits to be derived from the two proposals under consideration—that is, to enlarge or to abolish and transfer litigated business to the Supreme Court—I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that public interest demands the abolition of the surrogates' courts."

"The abolition of the surrogates' courts is the cheapest solution of the problem, and in these days the expense to the public is the matter entitled to the first consideration."

DEATH DISCLOSES HIS DOUBLE LIFE Wife in Queens Calls In Coroner When Rival Is Revealed in Kings.

An hour before the funeral of her husband, John Hanson, yesterday afternoon at his home, No. 29 Roswell Place, Union Course, Queens, Mrs. Mary Hanson learned that a woman whom she had believed was his sister claimed to be his wife. Mrs. Mary Hanson was married to Hanson three years ago.

BIGGEST WARSHIP IN WORLD BEGUN HERE

First Keel Plates of No. 39, Greatest Dreadnought, Laid Down.

CROWD AT CEREMONY IN THE NAVY YARD

Captain Gleaves Predicts Record in Construction—F. D. Roosevelt Heads Official Visitors.

The laying of the keel of battleship No. 39 yesterday at the New York Navy Yard marked the beginning of what will be the largest war vessel in the world, and the forty-first of the United States navy. Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, was unable to be present, so Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary, headed the official party, which included Senator James A. O'Gorman and Representatives J. P. Maher and William M. Calder. Naval officers attached to the yard and to vessels lying there and several thousand other spectators were present also.

Captain Albert Gleaves, commandant of the yard, and his staff acted as escort to the official visitors, who were saluted by the marine guard as they arrived at the entrance. As the field music died out a battery of fifteen guns pealed the salute to the Assistant Secretary. Then, to the music of the band, the party marched to the stern leading to the ways on which the keel will be laid.

When all was in readiness for the lowering of the first plate Captain Gleaves addressed the throng. "We are here to-day," he said, "to witness the laying of the keel of the forty-first battleship of the United States navy. We want to make a world's record in length of time between the laying of the keel and the launching of this ship. Judging by the records of the navy yard in the past, with the Connecticut, the Florida and the New York, I say that No. 39 should be ready to slide down these ways in ten months from to-day."

"To achieve this record it will be necessary for all who work on her to put their strength and energy faithfully into the work in order that perfect co-operation may be insured. Without co-operation you can't break records."

As Captain Gleaves ended, a signal was given, and the first huge steel plate was lowered into position. It was followed by two others. As the last plate settled into place they were held in position by nickel-plated bolts placed in the holes by sons of naval men.

The new vessel is to be named the North Carolina, and is a sister ship of the Pennsylvania, now under construction by the Newport News Construction Company. The displacement will be 14,000 tons, length 628 feet, beam 87 feet, and she will mount twelve 14-inch guns.



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NORDEN SUES FOR \$50,000 Charges E. L. Boetzel Alienated Mrs. Norden's Affections.

Mortimer Norden, an electrical contractor, who is being sued for divorce by Mrs. Maud E. Norden, filed suit for \$50,000 yesterday against Eric L. Boetzel, a former Deputy Assistant District Attorney, charging alienation of his wife's affection.

In his reply to the suit his wife filed a few days ago Norden placed the blame for his domestic troubles on Boetzel. He said Boetzel conspired with his wife to get evidence against him for a divorce suit, and encouraged Mrs. Norden to put him on probation for a month under a separation agreement. At the end of the period of probation Mrs. Norden filed suit.

HELD IN THEFT PLOT Men Trapped by Inspector Faurot Arraigned.

Jacob Rothman and Michael Schneiderman, arrested Sunday morning by Inspector Faurot after they had visited the jewelry store of Stern Brothers & Co., at No. 130 West 52d street, to make arrangements, the police say, for the robbery of the place, were arraigned before Magistrate Simms in the West Side court, yesterday and held for further examination to-day.

Rothman was held in \$5,000 bail on the charge of burglary, and Schneiderman in \$3,000. Rothman is yet to answer to the Bronx authorities for having burglarized his own possession. It was in his home at No. 95 Intervale avenue, the Bronx, in which the arrests were made and where the tools were found.

PARALYZED, GIRL WALL After Six Years She Discards Crutches—Nearly Well Again.

Long Branch, N. J., March 16.—After having been crippled half a dozen years, during which she underwent several operations, Alberta Fielder, fifteen years old, is able to walk without crutches to-day. For several weeks the girl experienced shooting pains in the paralyzed leg. She yesterday decided to make a last attempt, but used her crutches. To-day she discarded them and was able to get about without their aid. For more than four years she had walked on crutches, and during the last year a half had been wheeled in a chair. She is a daughter of Hersey C. Fielder.

JEW CHEER WAR SCARS Champion of Race Tells of Needs of Future.

The American Zionists may be opposed to meeting at Cooper Union last night would hold them opposed to a row on behalf of the "honor of the Jewish race." This was proved by the hearty applause in Franz Oppenheimer, lecturer in economics at the University of Berlin, got at last night's meeting when Louis Lasky, the chairman, pointed to the sword cuts on his face and said he had suffered them in defending the fair name of the Jews.

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