

LAND SAILORS' AT GREAT LAKES CITED IN EXPOSE

"Millionaires' Club" Here and in the East May Face Inquiry.

New York, Feb. 19.—[Special.]—Federal officers said today they were glad Secretary Daniels had ordered an investigation of naval frauds. Some of them told stories of a millionaires' club, made up in large part of the sons of rich men, who found their way into navy uniforms, spent all their time in New York, and never went to sea.

Just before the armistice was signed, a federal official of national reputation said, "a group of congressmen had prepared a resolution asking President Wilson to take 250,000 of these 'land' sailors and either transfer them to the army in France or send them back to civil life.

These congressmen conferred on the subject. They knew from reports from their home districts and from personal observations that these navy men—sons of rich men, mostly—numbered more than 200,000. I saw many of them myself as I toured the country. Many were here in New York. There were more at the Great Lakes station. "There were times when I had to fight my way to this office in the morning through cars which had brought these 'yeomen' to work. They came down early, reported, drove away for the day, and were not seen again for twenty-four hours. You can hear the same story at every federal office building in town.

Rated by Motor Cars. "There was one navy coterie made up of officers and young yeomen which was unpopularly known among federal officials as the 'millionaires' club.' It was said of this coterie that the car meant a petty officer and two boys an ensign.

At one time there were more than 100 useless individuals in New York who were called 'intelligence' work for the navy. The same sort of work for the army was capably handled by fifteen or twenty men. In this office most of the trouble we had during the war had nothing to do with the navy, but was caused by the continued filing in of these 3,000 naval intelligence agents."

This Officer Immune. "There is one commanding officer, with the rank of lieutenant commander, of a naval base at one American port, who has had forty-seven charges lodged against him by various navy investigators during the war. The charges, many serious, were told in detail in fifty-eight affidavits sworn to by the investigators.

Nevertheless, for some mysterious reason—which probably will be explained in the course of the investigation now being made—the commanding officer never has been inconvenienced.

He is still in charge of the naval base, which was and is being mismanaged so frantically that it is known as the 'mad house' of the navy. The officer, who so far has been free from court martial, has been accused of drunkenness on duty, persecution, indecent exposure—which resulted at one time in prostrating him with pneumonia—conduct unbecoming an officer, attempted suicide while on duty, and questionable financial dealings.

His Rise Rapid. "This officer came into the service as an assistant paymaster. Eighteen months later he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander. Simultaneously with his appointment as commanding officer of the naval base of which he is still in charge, the day of his appointment his finances were so low that he had to borrow car fare so that he could go to his new command. Shortly after the first Liberty loan was floated, the officer, now seemingly in remarkably affluent condition, paid cash for \$10,000 worth of the first loan bonds.

One boy asked him one day for shore leave to attend his mother's funeral. The officer, drunk, as usual, called the young sailor's printable names and refused the request.

The sailor took French leave and went to the funeral. When he reported back his drunken superior, following more violent abuse, had the sailor court-martialed. The boy was sentenced to serve thirty days in the brig and was fined three months' pay. Bribe of \$1,000 Paid.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Lieut. Benjamin Davis of Plymouth, Pa., attached to the medical corps, and Ensign Paul Beck of New York City, both members of the naval reserve force, are under arrest at New York awaiting court martial in connection with charges of bribery and graft in the Third naval district.

In making this announcement tonight, Secretary Daniels revealed that the arrest of a third naval officer had been ordered today. The name of this officer was not made public.

According to information given out at the department today, a preliminary report of department officials mentioned specifically a bribe of \$1,000 paid to secure a favorable medical report on an applicant who could not pass the naval physical requirements, and another bribe of \$500 alleged to have been paid to secure a desired detail for another man. The names of the men alleged to have paid and received these sums were not revealed.

RELATIVES TO HAVE MORE TIME OF BLACKHAWKS A good, old-fashioned visiting day with father, mother, grandmother, and the kids all mixed into a welcome home omelet, is planned as the feature of Chicago's third Blackhawk fête on Saturday. There will also be the usual parade, hotel luncheon, and entertainment for the 339 soldiers and eighty-four officers scheduled to arrive at the Illinois Central station at 8:30 a. m. from Newport News. The first Regiment army will be the scene of the big reunion.

TOO MUCH GAY 'ARMY' LIFE "Lieutenant" at Camp Scott and Wife Who Seeks to Divorce Him.



Mrs. Earle P. Martin

FORMER CHICAGO SOCIETY WOMAN GRANTED DIVORCE

Mrs. Roy E. Burbank, who once lived in Chicago and was prominent socially, yesterday in Los Angeles obtained a divorce decree from her second husband, a wealthy realty broker of that city. She charged cruelty.

They were married in St. Louis in 1908. She was divorced in 1908 from Richard B. Stack, a lumberman of Escanaba, Mich., with an income of \$50,000 and custody of their son, John Stack III, then 5 years.

While the Burbanks were honeymooning in Mexico, Stack took the boy to Canada. Mrs. Burbank filed action that caused his indictment on a charge of kidnaping.

She then filed suit for \$50,000 damages. Private detectives employed by her traveled more than 20,000 miles in an effort to find the boy. Stack finally returned to St. Louis, was acquitted of the kidnaping charge and awarded legal custody of his son.

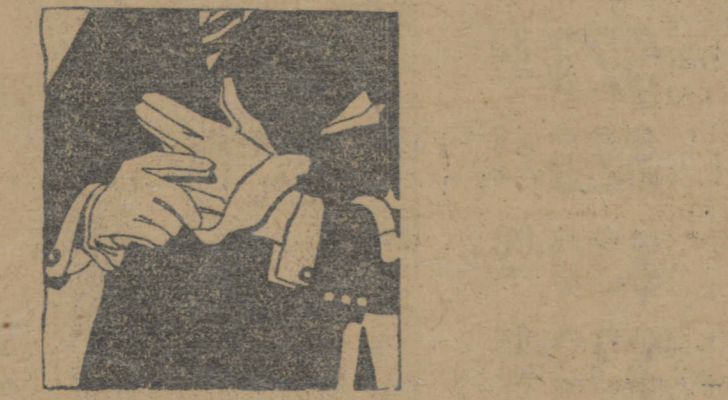
ROMANCE COSTS 'FAT' HIS DEGREE AT LAKE FOREST

C. Edwin Johnson, known as "Fatty" by "the fellows," is leaving Lake Forest college. "Fatty" tendered the "cause" of his leaving a farewell dinner in a Lake Forest caravansary last night. The cause is Miss Lorraine McClary, beauty of the sophomore class.

The faculty frowns upon love-making in the college. A little bit of romance may be all right but when engagements are announced that is different again. "Fatty" and Lorraine are engaged and the "secret" got out and now the faculty tips it off to "Fatty" that he's persona non grata or something like that.

"They gave him five days," a frat brother said last night. "The reason given was that he wasn't tending to his studies properly. But we guess it's a tip that this lovey dovey stuff doesn't go."

WOMAN SLAYER SENTENCED. Mrs. Blida Exlund was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of fourteen years yesterday by Judge Winick in the Criminal court. The judge refused to grant the woman a new trial. She was found guilty of having murdered her husband, Frank Exlund, a butcher here.



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WIFE SUES; SAYS 'HARDING'S ARMY' RUINED HOME

Claims Husband Drank Wine at Camp Scott; Held Girl on Lap.

A new chapter on "Harding's army"—as the Red Cross barracks at Camp Scott, next door to the Edelweiss gardens on the Midway, has been jocularly termed—was written into the records of the Superior court yesterday.

It concerns Earle P. Martin, a "Lieutenant" appointed by H. P. Harding, director of the automotive and mechanical bureau at Camp Scott. In a bill for divorce filed by George Remus, attorney for Mrs. Edith Martin, the following allegations are contained:

That Lieut. Martin participated in champagne and wine parties at or near the camp, and came home in a stupor as the result thereof;

That he became intoxicated on liquor obtained in the kitchens of Edelweiss gardens; and

That a girl sat on Lieut. Martin's lap while he fastened a Red Cross pin in her dress in the presence of Mrs. Martin and others.

A Legal Description. The verbiage of the bill in reference to Camp Scott follows: "Your oratorix further shows that on or about Dec. 14, 1918, during the time said defendant was a lieutenant in the American Red Cross, the said defendant was out all night drinking wine, liquor, and champagne at Camp Scott with other divers friends, coming home the following Sunday evening, Dec. 15, 1918, under the influence of the said liquors and champagne that the said defendant partook of."

Your oratorix further charges that on Dec. 15, the said defendant, with friends, became intoxicated as the result of having taken liquors and wine at the Edelweiss gardens in the aforesaid kitchen.

Your oratorix further charges that the said defendant was purchasing agent for Camp Scott since on or about Oct. 15, 1918.

"Did Not Refuse Said Affection." "Your oratorix further shows that on or about Nov. 15, during the time that the said defendant was employed by the American Red Cross society, the said defendant put his arm around and also said 'I sat upon the lap of the said defendant, and during which time the said defendant did not refuse said affection bestowed upon him.'"

Attorney Remus would not comment upon the contents of the bill last night. Mrs. Martin, on the other hand, showed a willingness "to show up everything."

"While I regret that this should have become public, at the same time I am glad to tell some of the things I know about Camp Scott," Mrs. Martin told a TRIBUNE reporter. "Mrs. Martin told a TRIBUNE reporter. 'I will tell more when the case is tried.'"

Says Camp Ruined Home. "Camp Scott ruined my home. Until my husband became a lieutenant at Camp Scott, we were very happy and he was devoted to me. From this point on he had a habit of staying away from home some nights and coming home on others intoxicated."

"He would arrive at 8 p. m. and tumble into bed in a stupor and nothing could wake him until the next day. The officers at the camp were a gay lot in their sportive uniforms and they used these trappings to brighten up the corners of Edelweiss gardens and many cabarets."

"I often visited the camp and I saw many things that I will testify to at the proper time. In fact, it was I who wrote down the deduction of \$10 from each pay envelope when the Camp Scott association was formed."

HELPS JOB PROBLEM This Girl Gives Up One of Two "Man's" Jobs She Held for Matrimony.



Miss Ruth S. Moore Frederick Dettman.

Miss Ruth S. Moore, who has been holding two "man's" jobs during the war, resigned from one of them yesterday to "double in matrimony." Miss Moore, 21 years old, has been manager of the Wilmette office of the Western Union and also trombone player in the Wilmette band.

Frederick Dettman also has been a trombone player in the same band. The day before yesterday Mr. Dettman sought a marriage license but was told to bring down the girl and the necessary data.

The two set out merrily yesterday but at a late hour last night Wilmette friends had not been notified the knot had been tied.

OAK PARK QUIET AGAIN; CUTTING SISTERS IN JAIL

The Misses Edels and Mary Cutting, the "Treat 'Em Rough Sisters," found solace and repose in the bridal veil yesterday. Edels was given a \$50 fine and Mary, more lamblike than her sister, got off with \$25. Quiet came back to Oak Park last night—the suburb's fever subsided.

"This is a peaceful village and no two Chicago women can come out here and cut up as you folks have done," Police Magistrate W. Stevens Lewis said in fixing punishment.

"Twas a wild night in the booby hatch, testified the Oak Park police and seven inmates. Nobody grabbed a wink of sleep all night because the women howled ceaselessly. Finally the seven organized a rusty hinge chorus and tried to drown the screams of the cut-up Cuttings."

The girls were arrested for using "direct methods"—in other words, bolshheviking and breaking up things—after Mrs. Ralph B. Wilson, 637 North Euclid avenue, Oak Park, had "Fred" them simultaneously. They had been hired to solve the housemaid problem. They didn't.

"We are going to sue the Oak Park police off the earth," Edels said, as they took her away. "We'll sue for about \$25,000, I think."

SCOTT NEARING ACQUITTED IN SEDITION CASE

Socialist Society Found Guilty on Two Counts by New York Jury.

New York, Feb. 19.—Scott Nearing, one time professor of the University of Pennsylvania and Toledo University and a Socialist candidate in this city in the last congressional campaign, was acquitted of seditious writings by a federal jury here today.

The American Socialist society, co-defendant, was found guilty on both counts in the indictment. The jury was given the case at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and returned its verdict after deliberating approximately twenty-nine hours.

Based on Nearing's Book. The indictments were based on publication by the Rand Book store, operated by the American Socialist society, of Nearing's pamphlet "The Great Madness," in which he discussed militarism.

The two counts on which the society was convicted charged the society and Nearing individually with having attempted to cause insubordination and refusal to perform duty in the army and navy and with having attempted to interfere with enlistment.

The other counts, charging Nearing and the society with conspiracy in the publication of the pamphlet, had been dropped before the case was given to the jury.

Sets Aside One Conviction. On motion of attorneys for the defense Judge Mayer immediately set aside the conviction on the count charging an attempt to cause insubordination and refusal to perform duty in the army and navy. He held that this verdict was inconsistent with his charge, defining what was meant by one in the military service, and with the verdict on this count rendered in favor of Nearing.

The judge withheld his decision on a motion to set aside the verdict on the count charging an attempt to interfere with enlistment. This will be decided after both sides have submitted briefs.

The courtroom was crowded with Socialist adherents and personal friends of Nearing when the jury filed in. After court had adjourned the crowd surged about Nearing shaking his hand and offering congratulations, which he accepted with a smile.

Capt. Kent Hunter Alive; Report of Death a Mistake

Capt. Kent Hunter is not dead, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, says Mrs. Hunter of the Berkeley hotel. She admits she has been the recipient of much sympathy since the report got out. The story started, says Mrs. Hunter, with the heading of an error.

Capt. Hunter's name, somehow, got on the list of "killed in action" displayed at a benefit given Monday night at Medina temple. How it happened none seems to know. Capt. Hunter, formerly of the staff of Third Army, is with the headquarters company of the One Hundred and Twenty-second field artillery, Col. Milton J. Foreman's "outfit."

Mrs. Sloan was taken to the St. Francis hospital in Evanston. She probably will recover.

Three Year Old Child Saves Life of Mother

Little Jane Sloan, 3 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Sloan of 1443 Birchwood avenue, saved her mother's life yesterday.

Mrs. Sloan was cleaning curtains with gasoline when they ignited, setting fire to her clothing.

Little Jane rushed to the home of Mrs. R. H. Duryee, a neighbor, and told of her mother's plight. Mrs. Duryee notified the police and fire departments and then went to the assistance of her neighbor.

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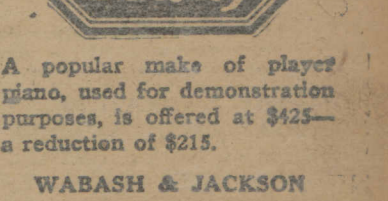
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