

ADOLPH SEGAL, INSANE, TO BE PUT IN ASYLUM

Commitment Issued and Former Financier Will Be Taken to Norristown Tomorrow.

Meteoritic Career Ended by Mental Breakdown Which Began Six Years Ago and Precipitated His Downfall.

Adolph Segal has been pronounced insane by two physicians. The man whose operations brought about the failure of the Real Estate Trust Company a dozen years ago, and the suicide of its president, Frank K. Hipple, and indictment against the Sugar Trust will be taken to the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown tomorrow morning.

Commitment papers have been issued by Magistrate Joseph Call at his office, 3125 West Girard avenue.

The final details of the action that will place Adolph Segal away from the world forever are being arranged this afternoon by Bert Segal, only son of the former financier, and now employed at the Hotel Majestic, which his father built and once owned.

Bert Segal and Dr. William H. Bunn, 28 North 22d street, who has been the Segal family physician for 23 years, are responsible for Adolph Segal's commitment.

The reason given for sending the man to the Norristown asylum is that the finances of the Segal family are at too low an ebb to permit his being cared for at a private sanatorium.

Within two blocks of the hotel in which he installed a \$20,000 piano and valued \$100,000 for elaborate decorations, Adolph Segal is being ejected from the room he occupies because the expense of keeping him there is too great.

Even Kirkbridge is beyond the means of the Segal family.

This was the statement of Dr. William H. Bunn, who is intimately acquainted with the Segal's family affairs. Segal was adjudged a bankrupt last July.

ECONOMY NECESSARY. "It is impossible to keep him at St. Joseph's any longer," said Doctor Bunn. "The expenses there since July, when Mr. Segal grew critically ill, have been a severe drain on the resources of his wife and son, and something had to be done. A place had to be found where he could be cared for at less expense."

"We found that Kirkbridge was out of the question. A room there would have been \$20 a week, and that was beyond the means at our command."

"But at Norristown, Mr. Segal will have the best attention and comfortable quarters for \$5 a week. At first he will be placed in a general ward while specialists examine him. When they have determined the state of his mind he will be placed in a pleasant room with only one other occupant, and the charge will be so reasonable that there will be no difficulty meeting it."

EAGER TO LEAVE HOSPITAL. Doctor Bunn told how Segal was kept quiescent while his son was arranging to have him taken from St. Joseph's Hospital to Norristown.

"Mr. Segal asked us what we wanted 'the papers' for," said Dr. Bunn. "He had heard us discussing him, and finally he told them that we were waiting for his release from St. Joseph's and that the 'papers' were the ones necessary because we could not get him back to the idea immediately and asked frequently how we were getting along with the 'papers.'"

"Only the other day, when he was particularly anxious to visit the Majestic and get out in the country, he complained because we were too slow. 'I'll go crazy if you don't get those papers soon and take me out of here,' he declared."

Doctor Bunn certified to Segal's insanity at Magistrate Call's office on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Charles N. Herberman, of the hospital staff, made a similar certification to the same effect late yesterday afternoon.

Majestic destroyed whatever trace of fighting power he may have had at that time. He was first taken to St. Joseph's where he was suborned to appear at his bankrupt hearing. The physicians in charge knew then that he was insane, but the secret was well guarded and not the slightest inkling of it was permitted to become known to the public. Since that time Segal has been under the care of Doctor Bunn and two trained nurses in a private room at the hospital.

SEGAL'S HALLUCINATIONS. "Adolph Segal is hopelessly insane," said Doctor Bergeron today. "He will never be any better. He may live a year and it may be but two months. His mind is practically gone. The other day he said to Doctor Bunn, who has been his attending physician:

"I lent you \$50 yesterday and you promised to return it to me today. Will you give it to me now?"

"There had been no exchange of money. It was a hallucination on Segal's part. I believe his financial breakdown was due to his mental condition. I believe he has been of unbalanced mind for the last six years."

"The indications or signs of insanity may have been so slight as not to be noticed by his friends or family, but I have no doubt that for the last six or seven years he has been insane."

Even yesterday the decision to move Mr. Segal to Norristown was kept secret. Bert Segal, in answer to point blank questions, admitted that his father would be taken to a sanatorium.

"My father's mind may be clouded at times," he said, "but no one can tell when he will recover. He was said to be at death's door six weeks ago, and he is still alive today. He will be moved to a sanatorium as soon as he is strong enough."

CALLED HUMAN STEAM ENGINE. Mr. Segal has been referred to as a "human steam engine" and "the prince of hoovers." The last solefuit was applied to him last July when he swore in bankruptcy court that his assets were 75 cents, although he was facing liabilities of nearly \$1,000,000.

His worst enemy would admit that he had unenviable powers when it came to financing on a "shoestring." Times after times his opponents breathed a sigh of relief when Segal met with some reverse that seemed sure to crush him, only to find him in an unshakable show of space of time promoting some new project of even greater magnitude than that on which he lost.

Adolph Segal thought in millions in his busy days. This was shown in his two deals with the Sugar Trust, the first of which netted him a sum said to have been more than \$1,000,000. It was in his second deal that he overreached himself and was trapped by agents of the trust. This trap caught also Frank K. Hipple, president of the Real Estate Trust Company, and Hipple shot himself when his company collapsed.

HIPPLE'S DYING REPROACH. In his dead hand was found a note that read as follows: "I am alone to blame. Segal got the money. I was fooled."

Had Segal succeeded in his second attempt to make money out of the Sugar Trust his profits would have been far greater than the first. In the first he got Hipple to finance a sugar factory in Camden. The trust was stilling competition in those days by buying up all rival factories and closing them. Segal figured the trust would buy his factory, and it did.

He tried it again, this time building the Pennsylvania sugar refinery at Shackamaxon street wharf. But the trust, hidden once, had been watching him. It reaped the place was fertile. Hipple is reported that the \$500,000 of funds in the vault of the trust company had been touched, and it had the trap. Segal had not two months from the first. Within the magnificent sugar plant was building he had conceived the idea of a great hotel on the site of the old Elkins mansion at Broad and Girard avenues. The Majestic Hotel was being completed. Segal had been spending money right and left in a social campaign that he planned to insure the success of his hotel. The campaign is said to have cost him \$300,000.

TRAPPED BY SUGAR TRUST. Segal needed money, and the trust became aware of it. Its agent reached Segal and advanced him more than \$1,000,000, but in return it secured control of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refinery. The only hope Segal had of paying the loan was to operate the factory and realize on shares of stock or make the trust company come to terms and buy him out. But when the trust obtained control its Board of Directors voted to close the factory, and all Segal's efforts to operate the place were futile.

Then came the crash. The Real Estate Trust Company went under and Hipple died. Mr. Segal was left with a mountain of debt before the Government authorities at Washington. Segal compromised and accepted punishment. Instruments were found against several trust officials by the Government, although no stone was left unturned in the fight to prevent it. Civil action was taken by Mr. Earle Segal, the trust and it also compromised.

HIS MARVELOUS CAREER. Mr. Segal came to this country from Austria. Fortune smiled on him at the start. His first venture, it is said, was to travel with his landlady to see whether he should pay two years' rent down or nothing for a year, and he won. Then he began work over a soap factory in the cellar of a West Philadelphia house.

His first big success was the perfection of a process of soap making. He sold the patent for \$250,000. After that he made money in various ways. He has built soap factories, apartment houses and other operations of varying success. The Bastian Apartments in West Philadelphia, were built by Mr. Segal, and although he was laughed at as a dreamer, the place has proved a success.

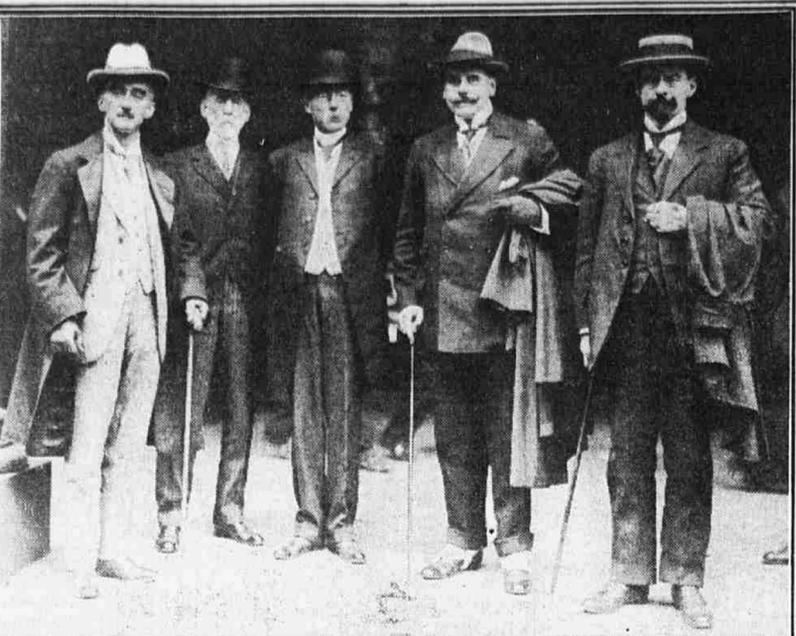
In although he built 470 houses and lost on the deal. The Majestic was to be his crowning achievement, but the place never came up to his expectations and this year he lost control of it. Then he was thrown into bankruptcy. His family and physician said it was fear of the ordeal of testing that sent him a sick man to St. Joseph's Hospital, but in reality it was the final collapse of his mind.

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PROTESTING BELGIANS WHO ARE VISITING PHILADELPHIA. Commissioners sent by King Albert to protest German atrocities in present war, who paid a visit to this city. From left to right: Paul Hymans, A. S. Anderson, Belgian Consul in Philadelphia; Paul Hagemans; Henry Carton De Wart and Emile Vandervelde.

HIS OCCUPATION GONE, PRINCE OSKAR'S CHEF BEGINS LAND VOYAGE

Adorned With Trophies From Fatherland, Joseph Westemeir Starts on Long Deferred Visit to Brother in Ohio.

Joseph Westemeir, the chef-in-chief aboard the steamship Prinz Oskar, quit the ship today.

He is going to visit a brother in Hoytville, Ohio. He has not seen the brother for years because the chief was too busy to make calls in the States so far from the seaboard.

The Prinz Oskar has her mud anchors out near the League Island Navy Yard. Being a German liner with a decidedly Teutonic name, the Prinz Oskar is taking no chances by going to sea.

The officers and crew of the ship were hopeful of making a home port under the protection of a German gunboat.

Then came the news that the Essex and other cruisers of the British navy were picking up German ships.

The Prinz Oskar sailed down the river then and cast her mud hooks under the friendly arms of the navy yard.

There were no passengers on the Prinz Oskar, so guests, and even the captain went on vacation. What could a first-class chef like Joseph Westemeir do? He made beef steaks for the crew, but the sea sickness was too much for him. No one could eat anything.

It was then that the chief of the Prinz Oskar had a thought. He remembered that he had a brother. He searched his mind for the name of the brother and a farm at Hoytville.

He started to Hoytville today with a pocket filled with American dollars and a few Bavarian coins to give as keepsakes.

CHIEF IN FULL UNIFORM. Chief Westemeir wore his ship's uniform with a few decorations. His belt was trimmed with prongs from the antlers of deer. The buckle bore the picture of the late King Ludwig II. of Bavaria. It was surrounded with decorations that Westemeir had picked from the crests of the mountains of his country.

The last of the late chief of the Prinz Oskar is a work of art. It is decorated with shooting medals. Rising in the rear is the tail of a deer. Westemeir shot the deer at the distance of almost a mile.

Westemeir does not smoke cigarettes. For salute and moral support he carries a pipe weighing half a pound. It is adorned with the claws of eagles Westemeir shot in the mountains of Bavaria.

When the Prinz Oskar anchored for a stop during the war season, Chief Westemeir became disoriented. He longed to hear the pounding of the engines and he longed to get back to his own and frying pans.

FAKE CLAIMANT FOR DAMAGES PLEADS GUILTY TO PERJURY

Given Nine Months For Bringing Suit Against Traction Company. Seeing the futility of contesting charges of attempting to defraud the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by making a fake claim for lost injuries, Frank J. Marter, of Shermantide, Pa., brought his trial to an abrupt ending today in Quarter Sessions Court by pleading guilty to a charge of perjury. He was sentenced to nine months in the County Prison by Judge Searle.

Marter, who was known under several aliases, appeared at the offices of the Rapid Transit Company last month, making a claim for dislocation of his right arm. He said he had been thrown from a car at the Fifth street station of the subway. Subsequently he entered suit in the Municipal Court for \$1000 damages. An investigation of the alleged accident by Special Agent B. P. Gaskill, of the Rapid Transit Company, showed that Marter's claim was not only fraudulent, inasmuch as no accident had occurred, but that he was able to dislocate his right arm at will.

WAKE COLLAPSES WHEN "DEAD" MAN BOBS UP ALIVE. Rides Home From Hospital With Casket and Floral Display. Michael Zaborowski, of 274 East Monmouth street, had a wake yesterday and an undertaker was dancing in attendance.

Michael's relations, after the festivities started, telephoned to the Philadelphia Hospital, requesting that the body of Michael be sent home. It was the only part of the wake that was missing. They stated that the undertaker with an expensive casket and all the other things necessary for a neighborhood funeral would call for the remains.

The undertaker did call and Michael, who managed to get out of bed, although he had a sprained ankle, climbed into the wagon. He accompanied the coffin and the floral display home.

Michael went home into his home, but he had once more come into his own. He waited results. There were none. The party at the wake thought it was all a joke.

Michael strode into the banquet room just like one of the characters of Shakespeare's drama. He did not wave a sword or rant. He just asked that fool and drink he passed to him. He said he deserved it as the main feature of the occasion. He got all he asked for. He said today it was fine to be reported dead.

UNCENSORED MOVIES ARE BARRED IN PHILADELPHIA

Order From Superintendent of Police Robinson Is Now Effective. Moving pictures which do not bear the stamp of the Pennsylvania Board of Censors are not to be shown in Philadelphia from now on, according to an order issued this morning by Superintendent of Police Robinson. The step is taken following the decision of August 6, 1914, by Judge Martin, of Common Pleas Court No. 5, to the effect that the impounding of censorship on moving pictures is constitutional.

The act which provides for such censorship was passed in 1911 and went into effect on June 1, 1914, at which time Superintendent Robinson issued an order similar to that of today. Picture producers then appealed to the courts, claiming the enforcement of such an order unconstitutional, whereupon the order was recalled, pending the findings of the court.

\$75 COFFIN FOR DOG

Wealthy Germantown Family to Give Pet Funeral. A pet dog, much revered by two aged residents of Germantown, will be buried tomorrow with impressive ceremonies in an elaborate coffin, befitting its career.

An order for the dog's casket was received late this afternoon by Undertaker William J. McEldrick, of 625 Germantown ave. He said the funeral would be attended by the dog's best friends, and possibly a couple of little descendants.

The dog died of old age. The pet endeared itself to the family by its many heroic deeds. At one time it prevented the home of its mistress from being robbed and saved several hundred dollars worth of jewelry and silverware which the thieves had already packed to take away.

GILLMAN BALKS AT TELLING ABOUT STRAW BAIL FRAUD

Ex-Constable Changes His Mind When Asked by District Attorney to Reveal Secrets of Call's Office. "Jake" Gillman, indicted ex-constable of Magistrate "Joe" Call's office, changed his mind about giving the inside story of the straw bail scandals this afternoon when he appeared before District Attorney Rotan with his attorney, Bernard M. Cohn, and told the District Attorney that if he wanted to know anything he would have to investigate and find it out.

Gillman had a 15-minute session with the District Attorney and Joseph Rogers, an assistant, this afternoon. In that time he made several denials, and then admitted that he had told newspaper men yesterday he would reveal the inside workings of Magistrate Call's office if an opportunity was given to him.

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Several reporters then were called into the office by the District Attorney and they confronted Gillman. The latter again denied the statements and then said he "wouldn't deny" he had said he would talk about Call's office.

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TWICE FAILS AT SUICIDE

Barber Finds Razor and Gas Ineffective. A keen-edged razor and a constant flow of gas in a tightly sealed room failed Frank Milvrey, 21 years old, of 1210 South 7th street, this afternoon when he attempted suicide at his home. Milvrey, who is a barber, had become downhearted because he had recently lost his position.

Studying bedchests in the cracks of the windows, he turned on the gas. Putting to stuff up the cracks in the doorway and the noise he made in an elaborate effort, he cut himself and himself assured the suspicion of other roomers.

The bedroom door was broken open. A Milvrey trip to the Polytechnic Hospital was made by ambulance. He pleaded when informed he was well enough to accompany the policeman who was guarding him to the station house, where he will be held for a hearing.

POLICEMAN SHOT BY NEGRO SUNDAY, DIES IN HOSPITAL

Bullet Could Not Be Located—Assailant Held for Grand Jury. Policeman Frank A. Sanket died this morning at the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital as the result of a bullet wound received last Sunday morning, when Nevada Henry, a Negro, fired upon him at the corner of 5th and Vine streets. The surgeons at the hospital were unable to remove the bullet as it could not be located. Perforating set in and the policeman's condition grew steadily worse. It was not expected that he could live through the day yesterday, but by the administration of oxygen by Dr. A. Esposito, of the hospital staff, he was kept alive until this morning. His wife and seven-year-old daughter, Della, were at the bedside at the time of his death.

BELGIANS, IN CITY, ARE PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT WILSON

Representatives Who Bore Protest From King Albert Visit Independence Hall. Statement Expresses Gratification. The Belgian Commission, which, in the name of the King and people of Belgium, came to this country to lay before the President of the United States and the American public a protest against the violation of the neutrality of Belgium by Germany and the alleged atrocities of the German army, came to Philadelphia today to lay the same protest before the urine of American liberty.

The commissioners left Washington early this morning and arrived at Broad Street Station early in the afternoon. They were met at Broad Street Station by M. Paul Hagemans, of Overbrook, Belgian Consul in this city, and A. S. Anderson, an attaché of the consulate. They were taken to the Bellevue-Stratford for lunch, after which they went in an automobile on a sight seeing trip through the city, which included a visit to Independence Hall, Carpenter's Hall, historic points in Germantown and other places of interest. They will leave for New York tonight.

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SEDIMENT BASIN PLAN MODIFIED BY CUT IN LOAN BILL

Changes Will Not Affect Capacity of Plant at Torresdale—To Enlarge South and West Phila. Supply. Plans are under way in the Water Bureau for design of the sedimentation basin to be built along the river front at Torresdale from the \$600,000 to be provided by the municipal loan.

The cut of \$100,000 in the loan bill, made by Councils yesterday, will necessitate changes in the design, but will not affect the size or capacity of the basin. Provisions are now being made to carry out improvements to the water system in West Philadelphia and in the supply in South Philadelphia, as provided by the loan.

Although there has been no heavy rainfall since July, and September usually the month of heaviest drain on the city water system, it has not been necessary to draw from emergency storage in East Park reservoir this month. The pumping plants of the city are meeting the demand without difficulty at present, according to S. M. Van Loan, acting chief of the bureau.

The opening of schools, the beginning of fall housecleaning in the city, and the return of vacationers to the city, the opening of houses, all this is responsible for increased water demands in September. Bathhouses are still open, public fountains are operating and street sprinkling is heavy on account of the season, which conditions further increase water demands.

TOOK 36 SWEATERS, POLICE SAY

Three Young Men Charged With Theft, Must Face Court. Three young men, accused of stealing 36 sweaters, valued at \$125, from the Chelton Manufacturing Company, 400 Main street, Manayunk, were held in \$500 bonds for trial today at Magistrate Grella at the Manayunk station.

The commissioners issued the following statement before leaving the Bellevue-Stratford: "We are more than gratified with the reception tendered to the members of the Belgian Commission by the President of the United States.

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