

GROVER LIVED HERE OPENLY LAST FALL

Mrs. Bergdoll Says Son Was at Her Home While U. S. Agents Searched for Him

DROVE AUTO TO CITY HALL

Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft evader, lived at his mother's home for five weeks last fall while federal agents were combing the country for him, then skinned out just before the house was raided August 22.

This was the story told today by Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the army convict, who is again at liberty after escaping from two army guards last week.

She claimed "my Groff" made no effort to hide while here last fall. He drove her to City Hall on several occasions, she said, when she was arranging some property matters, took her frequently to the Bergdoll farm in Broomall, and even visited theatres.

Mrs. Bergdoll was seen this morning as she was preparing breakfast in her home at Fifty-second street and Wynnfield avenue.

"I signed a \$5000 bail bond for 'Judge' Romig last night," she said, "and if necessary I will give \$100,000 bail for him. He has been a good friend to me and my boys."

Says "Peace Was Signed"

"I know they can't do anything to Mr. Romig. God in heaven! Peace was signed and the 'judge' didn't know the government was looking for Grover, why, Grover was home here for five weeks before the agents came here in August."

"Groff" used to take me to City Hall in his machine when I had some business there. He drove me out to our farm in Broomall, too. One day we went out to Broomall to make a deer. When we came back Groff said he thought he would ride out to the farm and burn carbon out of his machine.

Early the next morning the agents came to the house. They wanted to know if I would let them in. I called the lawyer again and he told me to let the officers in the house.

Lawyer Got "Cold Feet"

"I called the lawyer up again and asked him to come out to the house. He wouldn't do it. I guess he had cold feet. Once more I called him up and he said, 'Let the officers come in.' I asked him why he didn't say that in the first place. Afterward I paid off that lawyer and had nothing more to do with him."

About 3 o'clock the agents came back. I let them in and they searched the house, but didn't find my son. Groff didn't try to hide when he was with me those five weeks. Why, he even went out to see showa."

Romig Is Indicted by U. S. Grand Jury

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He examined the heads of several men present and professed to tell their weak and strong points.

"What's your strong point, 'Judge'?" some one asked.

"Temper fidelis," he said, exhibiting a large bump on the middle and the top of which is devoid of hair.

"What's that dent in your head?" some one asked, noticing a deep scar on the side of his head.

"That's my memory bump," he explained with a wink.

"That ought to help a lot with a bunch of 'I don't remember testimony' when you go to trial," someone said.

"I might, I certainly have a poor memory," Romig replied smiling broadly.

The mechanical and domestic bumps were the two greatest bumps on Bergdoll's head, Romig explained.

"Understand, I'm only an amateur at this business," he said, "but from what I know of Grover's head—I've fondled it ever since he was a baby—I'd say he wouldn't leave this country. He likes his home too much."

"Nobody should blame me for anything they have done in the Bergdoll case unless they would blame a father for caring for his son," he said.

"I have been Grover's father ever since he was two years old. He came to me with his kid boots and I helped him. Naturally I, along with his mother, stood by him during his greatest trouble."

"How about money. I guess you're getting rich out of this case?" some one asked.

"No," he replied. "The Bergdoll doughs do not flow freely."

Romig Glad Suspense Is Over With Arrest

"I expected this all the time. I am sorry it was not done long ago and the suspense over with," Romig.

Ministers in Grip of Rent Profiteers

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tal employees that their salaries be raised.

Neutral on Irish Issue

The Irish question was discussed by several speakers and a resolution finally adopted waiting all—Presbyterians against giving moral or financial support to the movement to free Ireland.

The Rev. Dr. James Wallace, president of McAlester College, St. Paul, Minn., discussing proposal that the United States should recognize the Irish Republic and have consular representatives there, said:

"We have no sympathy with this proposition. We have no right to interfere. It is a question strictly for the British Empire. In our own country we have a racial question which we have not done one-tenth as much to solve as Britain has her racial question in Ireland."

Another speaker called attention to the fact that the American Bible Society had taken the Protestant Friends of Irish Freedom to task for their advocacy of Irish republic, and that after July 1 would not permit them to have their meeting place in the Bible House in New York.

The resolution adopted was to the effect that "as a result of the visit of laymen and ministers of the Protestant faith in Ireland to the United States, it is asked that the General Assembly express sympathy with those offering people in the resistance they are offering to that which threatens their freedom and is in danger of leading to widespread persecution."

"We call upon our American people to heed the admonition of this delegation, which is to keep hands off, to refuse to contribute to the cause of Irish freedom and to remember that Protestantism is asking for nothing but to be let alone."

"We request every one to make thorough personal investigation before giving moral or material support to that which pretends to be an effort to make Ireland free."

A resolution on the Armenian situation also was offered and endorsed. It was set forth that the assembly realized "the serious conditions in the Near East are a menace to the peace of the world, and that the American delay in signing the League of Nations treaty is a contributing factor to this condition, and urge immediate action on the part of this country to join the League of Nations, with or without reservations."

Nations Rights at Stake

The prestige of open diplomacy and the rights of small nations are at stake, continued the resolution. "Let us purge ourselves of the criticism or charges of intrigue or double dealing, and let us do our part to check the selfishness of the nations of the world and help re-establish world peace."

"Let America's her share toward establishing stable conditions, especially in the East. Let us make it a question not of political expedience, but of service. That purpose which led America into the war has not been fulfilled by the cessation of hostilities. It is well nigh impossible for Great Britain to settle the eastern question without America's help. About this there is no hope for the subject races."

The Rev. Dr. Wallace urged the assembly to take action on the League of Nations in a separate resolution, saying that this could not be made too strong. Though there was some difference of opinion expressed on the League of Nations question, the following resolution was adopted:

"In spite of the defects of the League of Nations treaty, so much of it is just and good that we believe it should be passed. We regret the long and trying debate over a period of months while Europe has been starving. This is a source of great humiliation for America; it is a great tribute to her lofty idealism. This astonishing fiasco has made us the laughing stock of the world."

The resolution recommended that whether there were fifteen or no reservations the treaty should be passed. At present, the resolution declared, America is "still lined up with the unworthy nations of the world, Russia, Germany, Turkey, Mexico." With all its faults, the resolution declares, the League-of-Nations treaty is one of the greatest plans ever put forward.

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GIBBONEY IS CALLED TON. Y. CONFERENCE

Bergdoll Attorney Is Received With Salutes by Men at Governors Island

WOULDN'T GIVE DETAILS

By a Staff Correspondent

New York, May 28.—D. Clarence Gibboney, counsel for the notorious escaped slacker-deserter, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, made a hurried trip to New York yesterday in response to a telephone summons from Captain Bruce R. Campbell, who was Bergdoll's military counsel during his court-martial proceedings.

Mr. Gibboney went directly to Governors island, where he was in conference with Captain Campbell for about an hour on a matter that "had nothing to do with the Bergdoll case," according to both Mr. Gibboney and Captain Campbell.

"Captain Campbell, are you interested in the latest phase of the Bergdoll case that is, the one that has developed since his arrest?" "Mighty little," and he turned to Mr. Gibboney to confirm his statement. Mr. Gibboney responded with an affirmative nod.

Gibboney Is Saluted

On his arrival at the South Ferry entrance to the Governors island boat dock in Manhattan Mr. Gibboney was received with military deference due a civilian with influence enough to secure the release and custody of a federal prisoner.

From the guard at the gate to the several officers encountered, who were prominent in the noted Bergdoll court martial, Mr. Gibboney was saluted and every salute a snappy one and accompanied by a salute to the boat.

Denoting how well he was acquainted on the island. As a party of officers were leaving the boat when the military men of the general and usually accompanied by broad grins on the part of the military men who recognized Mr. Gibboney.

One of the most notable whom Mr. Gibboney addressed as general, waved his hand and laughingly remarked: "No use going over, Gibboney. The bird's flown; he's not over there."

While waiting for the boat to take him to Governors island, Gibboney turned to a sergeant on the dock and said: "Well, the boys gave us the slip after all we did for him."

Surprised Attorney

The noncom replied: "Yeh, it all looks like a game to me." To this unexpected reply Mr. Gibboney frowned his disapproval.

As the boat drew away from the picturesque shores of Governors island upon its return trip to Manhattan, Mr. Gibboney stood in the stern, striking an attitude not unlike the well-known picture of Napoleon, and gazed upon the outlines of Castle William, the late abode of his erstwhile client.

"Ah," he mused, "I can't understand how Grover could have been discontented with his lot amid such beautiful surroundings. Isn't it grand?"

"Do you know that boy was real popular over there. They even recently elected him president of the Welfare League by a majority of forty-five votes in a contest against three candidates."

There was real regret and pathos in Mr. Gibboney's voice as he recounted these incidents and further details denying the base ingratitude of his client make such an inopportune get away and "after we had done so much to make him happy and comfortable here."

When Captain Campbell and Mr. Gibboney were told by the reporters that "Judge" Romig had been arrested in Philadelphia, both registered surprise.

Mr. Gibboney was the first to comment on the arrest: "Well, I suppose the old man was arrested for admitting that he was the man who secured the gold for Grover and acknowledging that he was the mysterious Mr. Watt."

He refused to further talk on Romig's arrest or to answer questions as to whether he would act as Judge Romig's counsel. Mr. Gibboney returned to Philadelphia at 9:45 p. m.

Former Kaiser, as Tailor, Said to Be Making Good

London, May 28.—(By A. P.)—William of Hohenzollern, former emperor of Germany, is trying his hand as a tailor, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam. He is cutting out patterns for many new suits with which he is going to stock his wardrobe and the dispatch quotes a trade paper as declaring he is "excelling at the job."

"How unfortunate it is," says this paper, "that William missed his vocation. After all the notoriety he achieved as an emperor one can imagine what would have been his fame as a tailor."

TROUSERS IN MIX-UP

Former Circus Clown Gets Damages for Tailor's Mistake

Horace Rupp, one-time Barnum & Bailey clown, now owner of "Rupp's Golden Show," stood in front of Magistrate Grella's desk at 1313 Arch street and held up a pair of trousers.

"Judge," said he, "this blame tailor must of thought I was a one-legged man. Just look at these here pants. Dog-gone, there's a whole leg gone."

The "judge" wiped his eyes. "And now, your honor, just lamp these," continued Horace Rupp. "These old jeans weren't fit for a old when I took 'em to the tailor. He did a neat job of patching 'em free to me, but, blame it all, Judge, he patched the wrong pair."

The old clown explained that he had taken two pairs of trousers, one worn out, the other new, to Joseph Wasserman, a tailor, at 317 North Nineteenth street. To provide against the future and hand another job to the well-known H. C. L. Rupp instructed the tailor to cut a large patch out of the old trousers and apply it to the seat of the new.

"Instead of which," said Rupp, "he cut a whole leg out of the new pair and used it to patch up all the holes in the old ones. And he charged me five bones for the job."

When the magistrate stopped laughing he ordered Wasserman to pay back the \$5, give Rupp the price of a new pair of trousers and settle the costs.

SEES SHOE PRICE FALL

McClain Declares Leather Drop Indicates Footwear Reductions

State Fairprice Commissioner Frank B. McClain, today issued a statement to the effect that by fall the price of shoes will have dropped.

"Do not expect pre-war prices because the price of labor has not yet dropped to the degree that leather has. Fashionable shoes with buckles, straps and all the fancy trimmings will be as expensive as they are now. But, a reasonable price will be placed upon the common every-day, substantial footwear," he said.

The immense stock that manufacturers now have on hand with the recent drop in leather prices is responsible to a large degree with the public protest upon the high cost of living.

BRIDGE BIDDERS WARY

Estimates of Two Firms Are Above City's Maximum

Unwillingness of contractors to accept long term contracts is believed to be responsible for lack of bids to build a new bridge over the Schuylkill river at South street.

Although bids were sought for piers, foundation and superstructure, also removal of the present piers, bids received today were only for the superstructure and it was announced that this was above the maximum figure estimated by the city.

The bids received were from the Bethlehem Steel Bridge Corporation and the Strobel Steel Corporation.

BRISTOL, R. I., IN "REVOLT"

Governor Establishes Martial Law After Serious Strike Riot

Bristol, R. I., May 28.—(By A. P.)—Three troops of military were ordered out by Governor Beekman today after a riot in which strike sympathizers attacked young women clerks and other working employees of the National India Rubber Co. The governor's proclamation declared the town in a state of insurrection. The plant has been closed except for the office force and repair men since the strike began three weeks ago.

During the riot two strike sympathizers were wounded by pistol shots and three factory guards injured with stones. Women in the crowd of strike sympathizers pulled the stenographer's hair.

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