

TALK OF PROBING ROOSEVELT DEBT

Republican Congressmen Want to Know How Elliott Settled \$200,000 Loan With \$4000 Check Handed Over by Jesse Jones.

WASHINGTON, June 13 (U. P.)—Some Republican members of congress said today there should be an investigation to bring out all the circumstances of Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt's business transaction in which he allegedly settled a \$200,000 loan for \$4000.

Those suggesting such an inquiry, however, did not say they actually would move towards obtaining one.

Caruthers C. Ewing, New York attorney, disclosed the transaction at Danville, Ill., yesterday, stating that John Hartford, president of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., loaned Elliott the \$200,000 in 1939 to expand his radio holdings.

Turned Over to Jones

Ewing is in Danville as an attorney for A. & P. at the chain's federal court trial for alleged violations of anti-trust laws.

Ewing said Jesse Jones, former secretary of commerce and federal loan administrator, told Hartford in 1942 that "the Roosevelt family wanted to compromise the indebtedness." Elliott's notes and collateral were turned over to Jones in exchange for a \$4000 check "and the whole thing was closed," he said.

Ewing said Hartford advanced the \$200,000 when advised that others didn't want to get "involved" because Roosevelt was the son of the President. Hartford talked to the late President before advancing the money, he said.

No Roosevelt Comment

Hartford took the whole thing as a loss and entered it (\$196,000) on his 1942 income tax report as a bad debt, Ewing said.

Neither Roosevelt, members of his family nor Jones would comment.

Rep. Harold Knutson, Minnesota, ranking Republican member of the tax writing house ways and means committee said Ewing's statement "sounds almost unbelievable" but that an investigation should be made if his facts are correct.

"It seems to me that the internal revenue bureau should force Hartford to sue young Roosevelt to recover the money before permitting him to write it off as a tax-exempt bad debt," Knutson declared.

Wants Investigation

Rep. Roy O. Woodruff (R. Mich.) said the people were entitled to all the facts and "I hope an investigation will be made."

"The whole thing is more shocking than anything I've ever heard of," he said. "Jones should be called upon to tell the truth about this whole business. If the White House has been used in this way, the people should know about it."

Justice department officials said their department was not involved and that they had nothing to say "one way or the other." The securities and exchange commission adopted a similar "hands off" attitude.

Internal revenue bureau officials could not comment because all tax returns are secret. But a spokesman explained in general terms how uncollectable debts are handled.

Debts Deductible

Customarily, he said, such debts are deductible from income for tax purposes. In disputed cases, final authority rests with Commissioner Joseph D. Nunan. If the bureau decides to look into a case, the taxpayer must show that "reasonable steps"—not necessarily court action—have been taken to collect the amount and prove his case to the satisfaction of the commissioner.

"There are no hard and fast rules as to the evidence the taxpayer must submit," the spokesman said. "He has to be able to show he has made all reasonable attempts to collect."

A graduate of Groton, the school his father and elder brother attended, Elliott entered the financial advertising business in New York City in 1929. He broadened his business in the general advertising field in 1931 and became vice president of Kelly, Nason, and Roosevelt, Inc. His interest in aviation prompted change.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY
Tin collection, pickup in area southeast of Meridian and 16th sts.

American Transit association, engineering section, 10th and Lincoln, Indianapolis. Indiana Cos. Merchants' association, meeting, Hotel Sevier, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Hotel Washington.

Independent Jewelers' union, meeting, 8 p. m., Hotel Washington.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harold E. Amt, Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Md.; Betty Lucille Berry, 1604 Crutt, Meridian; John C. Burch, 1842 N. Burch; Florence Marie Casselly, 2317 E. 13th.

John Zinko Jr., U. S. Army, Sarah Madeline Goudy, Anderson.

BIRTHS

Vivian, Hazel Chapman, boys, at 4133 Fletcher.

DEATHS

At St. Francis—Chester, Amos Dillon; Lt. Archie Margaret Wildman.

At Methodist—Nicholas, Hesper Banos.

Rev. John Lake—Vivell, Clara Wuerley.

Mary Lou Lake—Vivell, Clara Wuerley.

Kenneth Emma Young.

At Home—George, June Rodenbaugh.

At Home—Howard, Rebecca Ledford; 1915 Koenig; John Janice Smith, 649 Locke.

Wendell Hoffman, manager, told police today that rods, reels and other equipment valued at \$120 were stolen after thieves smashed a plate glass window.

Police also were investigating a break-in at the Pleasant Run golf course house last night. Gaining admittance through a window, thieves ransacked the clubhouse, taking more than \$25 in small change.

RISING SUN SETS IN BORNEO'S SKIES

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tion which you could not see from the ship.

So you settled down to eating apple pie, without cheese—and listened to the throaty voice on the ship's radio sing, "Big skies, from now on—"

"For us," you thought, "but not the Japs."

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**MAN BADLY HURT BY
FALLING CHIMNEY**

Rueben S. Winchester, 45, of 4230, Cornelius ave., received serious head injuries when a chimney on a building at 1401 N. Capitol ave. fell on him this morning.

The building is owned by John Shea, 1928 N. Delaware st., and occupied by Ralph Johnson's Tip Top cafe. The police roped off the area because of danger from three remaining chimneys.

Mr. Winchester was taken to City Hospital where he is in serious condition.

It might have remained a legend, except that Capt. E. C. Boykin Jr., Camden, S. C., broke down today and admitted he was the hunter.

"I don't like to tell this story, it makes me seem such a damned fool," Boykin said in a Carolina drawl. "But the boys here somehow got wind of it and I had to admit it."

Boykin, in his late forties, is stocky, greyish, pleasant. He described himself as a "re-cap," because he also was a captain in

Carolina Captain Admits He Was Mad Hunter of Metz

By ROBERT MUSEL
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BREMEN, June 13.—The Mad

Hunter of Metz, according to the legend, was an American officer who strolled between the battle lines shooting hare and birds during the bitter fighting along the Moselle last November.

He walked through minefields and machine-gun fire with a shotgun across one arm and a brace of partridges and hares dangling in the other hand. Now

he is dead weary. When I am weary I don't like anything better than hunting. So—it appeared a natural thing to me—I took an old shotgun and some shells and sauntered around looking for game.

the first world war. His two sons both wear the purple heart.

"Our engineers' outfit was near Thionville after the long push across France," he said, "and I was dead weary. When I am weary I don't like anything better than hunting. So—it appeared a natural thing to me—I took an old shotgun and some shells and sauntered around looking for game.

"There was a lot of shooting going on all right, but I figured I wasn't important enough for either side to bother about."

"What about the mine fields?" someone asked. "That place was teeming with them."

"Oh, those were really nothing to worry about," he said. "You see, I just followed fresh cattle tracks. Anyhow, I got a few birds and hares and I came around Hoall hill which brought me near the Orne river."

"I caught sight of a magnificent bird and stalked it—right into the middle of no man's land where an American patrol rushed up and a sergeant gasped, 'Sir, don't you know there's a battle going on?'

Performances will be held at 2 and 8 p. m. tomorrow, Friday and Saturday. Featured will be Big Bertha, claimed to be the world's largest performing elephant; the Silverhairs, aerialists; Kenneth Waite's clowns; Georgia Lake, trapeze artist; Chief Sugarbown and his "Hollywood Indians"; the Great Stanley, wire walker; La Celeste, daredevil thrill artist, and a dog and pony act.

William E. Vaser, chairman of

the circus committee, said various acts from the circus will be presented to patients at veterans' hospitals and children at orphanages.

"Sure," I said, "but my bird

shots are too light to help you."

So I sent them back and I got my bird. Then I returned to my quarters and that's all."

"Was that your closest call?" another officer asked.

"Nope," said Boykin. "I was

supposed to go boar hunting once

with some Frenchmen, who drank

champagne out in the field wait-

ing for me. I badly needed a

shave and when I separated the

shrubbery and poked my un-

shaven face through, some of

those champagne-guzzlers

thought I was the boar."

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