SOLDIER HELD ON SUSPICION IN $2,000 SHOE ROBBERY

Old 69th Veteran, Guarding Bronx Barges, Says Thieves Threatened Him With Gun.

Daniel McDonald, twenty-five, No. 123 Franklin Street, Brooklyn, a former member of the old 69th Regiment, was held in $1,500 bail to-day in Morrisania Court on suspicion of burglary. He will be examined next Monday.

Shoes to the value of $2,000 were stolen early yesterday morning from a barge of the Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal Company moored at Tiffany Street, the Bronx. McDonald, who had been wounded and gassed in France, was in charge of the barge and told the police two men had suddenly appeared and pointed revolvers at him while others loaded auto trucks with the shoes.

Ranking Officer of Navy and Wife, Who Crossed Ocean on Battleship

Carranza Rushes 1,000 Troops to Agua Prieta.
NOGALES, Ariz., June 20.—A troop train carrying 1,000 Mexican Federal soldiers arrived across the border from here last night. The troops leave to-day for Agua Prieta.
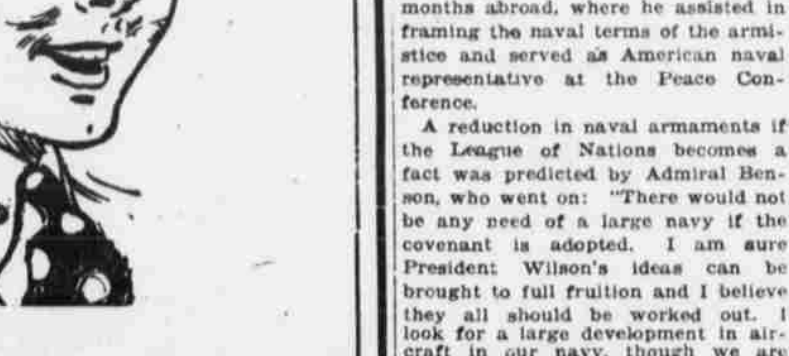
Mrs. Benson First Woman to Make Transatlantic Trip on U. S. Warship.

Admiral William S. Benson, Chief of Naval Operations and therefore ranking officer in the navy, arrived home from France to-day on the battleship Arkansas. Accompanying him on the warship, which anchored in the North River opposite 110th Street, was Mrs. Benson, who had the distinction of being the first woman to cross the ocean as a passenger on an American man-of-war.

There were 57,000 Americans in Europe trying to book passage home, the Admiral explained, and that was why he arranged to bring his wife back with him on the Arkansas.

The Admiral will come ashore this afternoon to resume his duties in Washington after having spent eight months abroad, where he assisted in framing the naval terms of the armistice and served as American naval representative at the Peace Conference.

A reduction in naval armaments if the League of Nations becomes a fact was predicted by Admiral Benson, who went on: "There would not be any need of a large navy if the covenant is adopted. I am sure President Wilson's ideas can be brought to full fruition and I believe they all should be worked out. I look for a large development in aircraft in our navy, though we are competing with no one."

While in France Admiral Benson was decorated by President Poincare with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

LABOR REFUSES TO ASK FREEDOM IN "SPY" CASES

Federation, However, Urges Rescinding of Wartime Laws With Coming of Peace.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 20.—The American Federation of Labor, in convention here, refused to-day to ask for the release of so-called political and industrial prisoners convicted under the espionage and other war-time acts. Instead, the Federation adopted a modified resolution requesting that these acts be rescinded with the formal coming of peace.

Originally three resolutions had been prepared demanding freedom for political and industrial prisoners, but the Resolutions Committee, on advice of members who believed that many of these prisoners were deservedly convicted and sentenced, decided to present a substitute memorial.

This, adopted by an overwhelming vote, besides asking for repeal of legislation in the Harlem police court sentenced the rights of free speech, free press and free assembly.

NAVY PRISON TO FREE 287.

Osborne's Recommendations Approved at Portsmouth.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 20.—Two hundred and eighty-seven men at the naval prison here will be released, it is learned to-day, the recommendation of Lieut. Commander Thomas Mott Osborne, in charge of the prison, having been approved. Seventy of the prisoners will be restored to full duty and 217 dishonorably discharged from service. Through the Mutual Welfare League the men have been given an opportunity to show their determination to become good citizens. The departure of these men will leave approximately 1,300 prisoners here.

NOT ONE DEPUTY'S BADGE GIVEN OUT, SAYS SHERIFF

Knott Objects to Mayor's Way of Placing Blame for Alleged Illegal Use of Insignia.

Sheriff David H. Knott to-day objected to Mayor Hylan's way of placing responsibility for the alleged illegal use of Deputy Sheriffs' badges. While the Sheriff declared he did not wish to be put in the position of criticising the Mayor for his letter to Police Commissioner Enright, he said he had not given a single Deputy Sheriffs' badge since he was in office.

"I have had countless applications," said the Sheriff. "Some of them from men who have a right to ask for them, some from men who just want them so as to speed in their automobiles. But I have not given any. If the occasion demands, I shall of course appoint as many deputies as are needed.

"In regard to people using badges which they have stolen or which have been loaned, we have taken needed action."

10 YEARS FOR FRAUD ON U. S.

Contractor Also Fined $25,000 in Nitrate Case.

NORFOLK, Va., June 20.—W. B. Treadwell, a contractor, convicted of embezzlement from the Government in connection with nitrate shipments, was sentenced in Federal District Court to-day to ten years' imprisonment and $25,000 fine. Evidence at the trial was that shipments valued at $150,000 which he handled disappeared in transit. Treadwell has filed an appeal.