

P. A. B. WIDENER HOME; SUBPOENAED AT PIER

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His Famous \$500,000 Van Dykes Sent on Six Weeks Ago to Lynwood Hall

SERVED IN TRACTION SUIT

Dr. Holland Decorated by Kaiser and Fallieres for Gifts of Carnegie
Casts of Diplodocus

After an absense [sic] of five months in Europe, spent at the various health resorts in an endeavor to find relief from rheumatism, Peter A. B. Widener, the Philadelphia traction man and art collector, returned to America yesterday on the White Star liner Adriatic, accompanied by his son, Joseph Widener, and grandson, H. E. Widener, who were in Europe with him.

When the Adriatic arrived at Quarantine, Mr. Widener's steam yacht Josephine met her, with his eldest son, George M. Widener, on board. He wanted his father to leave the liner for the yacht, but Mr. Widener preferred to land at the pier. As he came down the gangway, he was met by a Deputy United States Marshal, with a subpoena for him to appear in a suit in equity brought by the receivers of the New York City Railway against the Metropolitan Securities Company.

Mr. Widener glanced at the paper, then put it in his coat pocket, saying, "I accept service." The subpoena is returnable the first Monday in August.

In an interview coming up the bay Mr. Widener said that he was in better health than when he left America, but still had left a touch of rheumatism. He said he had not kept in touch with traction affairs here. He asked if Mr. Bryan had been nominated, and when told that the Nebraskan's nomination was expected to be made last night or this morning, he smiled.

With regard to the three famous painting [sic] by Van Dyke purchased by his father, Joseph Widener said that they had been sent ahead, and arrived six weeks ago at Lynnewood Hall, Elkins Park, Penn. The most important one, the Princess Cataneo and the boy slave, is nine feet long and four feet wide, he said. Mr. Widener declined to say whether the reported price, \$500,000, for the three masterpieces was correct.

P. A. B. Widener left for Philadelphia on the 2 o'clock train from

Jersey City.

Another Philadelphian on the Adriatic was the Comtesse de Sibour, whose husband is in the French diplomatic service. She was formerly a Miss Bailey of Philadelphia, and this is her first visit home in eighteen years.

Dr. William J. Holland, the Director of the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburg, [sic] returned on the Adriatic from a trip to Germany and France on behalf of Andrew Carnegie to present life-size plaster casts of the Diplodocus, the mammoth skeleton found in Wyoming.

In recognition of his services to science, the German Emperor conferred upon Dr. Holland the Order of the Crown, while President Fallieres bestowed upon him the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

When asked about the health of Andrew Carnegie, whom he visited at Skibo Castle, Dr. Holland said:

"The Laird was in the best of health. We played golf, fished for trout, and swam in his big pool every day. Nature did a great deal for Skibo Castle, and Mr. Carnegie's pocketbook has done the rest, and made it the most attractive place of its kind in Europe. His daughter, Margaret, is growing rapidly, and is the picture of health."

Other passengers on the liner from Southampton were Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Chamberlain, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs, Mrs. Charles Morgan, Mrs. Charles Parsons, Miss Frederique Remond, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shanbacker, James Hampden Robb, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. W. Whitmore, Roscoe Trumbull, Carroll S. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. E. D. Jordan, and Miss Crocker.

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