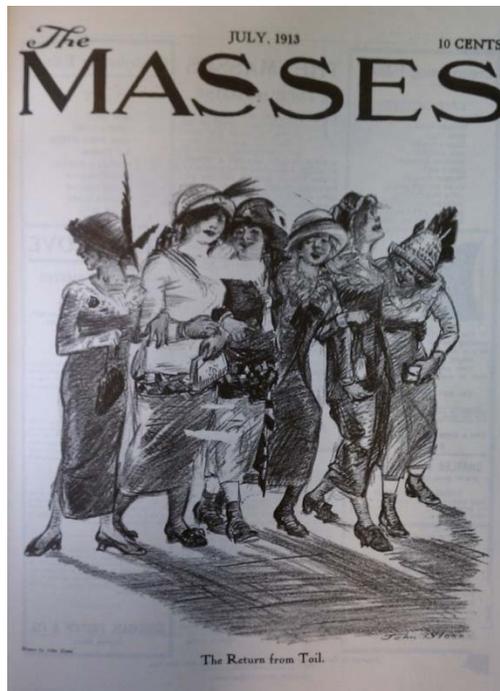


## Cases of Historical Interest In the Southern District of New York

### **Masses Pub. Co. v. Patten** Judge Learned Hand

Learned Hand sat as a judge of the Southern District of New York for over fifteen years. One of his memorable District Court cases was brought under the Espionage Act of 1917. Then District Judge Learned Hand enjoined the Postmaster General from disallowing, by reason of the Act, the circulation of *The Masses*, a journal that was alleged to incite resistance to the World War I draft. The Second Circuit did not agree and reversed the injunction, thereby allowing the Postmaster General to prohibit circulation through the mails.

244 F. 535 (S.D.N.Y.), rev'd, 246 F. 24 (2d Cir. 1917)



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