

\$300,000 Painting Is Seized At Dock

**Michelangelo Work Taken After
Alleged Attempt At Smug-
gling In New York.**

New York, Jan. 29 (Special).—A picture alleged to be among the few of the smaller works of Michelangelo and valued at \$300,000 by its possessor, Dimitri A. Nimidoff, president of the Travelers' Steamship Company Corporation, who arrived here today on the French liner La Savoie, was seized by customs officials after what Deputy Surveyor James O'Connor characterized as "one of the boldest attempts at smuggling" in his experience.

However, Mr. Nimidoff, who said he had bought the picture from a penniless member of the Romanoff family in Paris after it had been smuggled through the Bolshevik lines in Russia, maintains that the picture was an antique and therefore did not have to be declared.

The picture, a portrait, bears the inscription, 16-Ma-Op, and Mr. Nimidoff said that several New York bankers were interested in its purchase.

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