

VON IGEL'S ARREST CRITICAL

Because it is just possible that the whole affair may become the hinge point in diplomatic circles, the outcome of which has far-reaching effects in any event, the arrest of Wolf Igel in New York has come to be of intense interest. A New York paper the morning after the raid, said in part of this arrest, now of world-wide importance:

Seventy pounds of official records, secret correspondence and confidential communications of German officials and trusted agents of the Kaiser's Government were seized yesterday by officials of the United States in a raid on the old offices of Capt. Franz von Papen, military attaché of Germany, recalled by request.

This documentary evidence was said last night by a Federal agent to deal with activities of Ambassador Johann Von Bernstorff, Geheimrath Heinrich F. Albert fiscal agent of the German Government in the United States; Military Attaché Von Papen, Capt. Boy-Ed, recalled Naval Attaché, and a host of others.

The actual contents of the papers were guarded with the utmost care last night.

The names of the men these documents involve, the acts with which they connect them, will not be known to the public until a study of their contents has been made by Government officials in Washington and may only come out through the handing up of further indictments.

Taken at Point of Revolver
Seizure of the documents was accomplished only at the point of the revolver and after Federal agents had beaten off with their fists repeated assaults made upon them by von Igel, a Captain in the German army, in whose care the documents were.

Overcome by rage and chagrin the German official threatened war against the United States. "You are standing on German soil," he cried "my offices are German territory. Dare arrest me and Germany will declare war against the United States. Take one of my papers and war will follow. Oh, my poor Fatherland."

The telegraph and the long distance telephone were pressed into service to bring German agents here in touch with Count Von Bernstorff in Washington, who used all the diplomatic machinery of the German Government to effect the release of his countryman and the recovery of his documents.

Claim He is on Diplomatic List
Prince von Hatzfeldt was sent in haste to the State Department to lodge official protest and demand release. The claim was advanced by Count von Bernstorff that von Igel had been carried on the list of diplomats accredited to Germany since last December and was entitled to diplomatic immunity and the documents along with him.

Franch L. Polk, Counsellor for the State Department, is said to have replied that if this claim proved true and von Igel's activity in the Welland Canal plot was alleged to have taken place since he was accredited and accepted, this Government would issue an order for his release. However, von Igel's alleged activities in this plot concerned the year 1914, when he was secretary to von Papen and enjoyed no immunity.

Insists Papers Be not Copied
Prince von Hatzfeldt demanded immediate return of all the seized papers and documents, that they be sealed and restored without being photographed or copied. This action was based upon the embassy's contention that the office in which the seizure occurred was in reality a branch of the embassy.

Federal officials here read deep sig-

HE'S GOING TO HAVE GERMANY DECLARE WAR



Wolf von Igel (Shading his face when arrested in raid)
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nificance into the extraordinary activities of Count von Bernstorff and other high German officials in their attempts to free von Igel, who was released in \$20,000 bail immediately after his arraignment. The possibility of their action here being disavowed by those high in this Government at Washington did not give District Attorney Marshall, Roger B. Wood his assistant, of Capt. Offley the slightest concern—for these reasons which developed during the course of the evenings:

1 The arrest of von Igel and seizure of the papers were decided upon only after consultation with the Department of Justice and Attorney General Gregory, and after such action had received the fullest approval of both.

2 The belief of Mr. Wood that no immunity claim can be established for von Igel because Mr. Wood has been reliably informed, he told The World, that after von Papen's recall Ambassador von Bernstorff did include von Igel on Germany's diplomatic list but when his name was submitted to the United States Department of State, Secretary Lansing refused to approve it.

3 The fact that late in the afternoon Capt. Offley wired the Department of Justice of von Igel's claim of immunity and received in reply this positive order, "Pay no attention whatsoever to his claims."

4 The further fact that as secre-

tary to Capt. von Papen he had no diplomatic standing, and Mr. Wood holds for this reason he will be totally unable to set up any claim of immunity for acts committed while in the employ of von Papen, for certain of which acts he has been indicted.

That it is the belief of Government officials that when Capt. von Papen sailed he left a mass of most important secret documents in this country and presumably in charge of von Igel, his trusted lieutenant.

That Federal agents gave von Igel no chance to destroy a single paper in his possession, haling every effort he made to do so. The raid upon his offices, led by Assistant Superintendent Joseph A. Baker of the Department of Justice, was made without warning and came as a surprise and the seizure, therefore, was complete.

Suite No. 2501 has no name on the door. But the building at No. 30 Wall Street has been closely watched for months by agents of this Government in fact since last summer, when there was an exodus of German agents from No. 11 Broadway, which had trained too much publicity for their liking.

Had Idea of What They Would Find
Details of the seizure of the papers had been carefully worked out weeks ago by agents of the Department of Justice. These men had a fair idea of what documents they might find. At 10:30 yesterday morning Assistant Superintendent Baker with agents George W. Storck, John J. Graurevich, the man who caught the spy Lincoln, and Henry Dotzert set forth.

Precisely at 10 o'clock Mr. Baker knocked on the door. It was opened by a German of gigantic stature, the bodyguard of the young officer. "I want to see Capt. von Igel," said Baker, giving the man his name. The Teuton entered an inner office and returned a moment later saying von Igel refused to see Baker unless he stated his business.

Baker brushed by the guard and walked into von Igel's private office. "I am an official of the Department of Justice come to arrest you," he began.

Von Igel sprang up, overturning his chair, and made a rush for a safe at the corner of the room. He slammed the door to and turned the combination as Baker hurled himself upon him. The two men fell to the floor rolling over and over in a catch-as-catch-mixup.

But as Baker made for the inner office his three men entered the outer office. One locked the door and pocketed the key. Another stood guard over the telephone. The third followed Baker.

Screams "Get the embassy!"
"Embassy, embassy! Get the embassy!" screamed von Igel from the floor. And hearing him, George von Skal made a rush for the telephone. Baker's third man stuck out his foot, von Skal tripped over it and took a header to the floor.

The sound of blows, the cries of von Igel, the shouts of von Skal brought the body guard into action. He rushed to aid his master and there was a flurry of flying fists. Noise of the battle, the smashing of chairs, overturning of furniture soon attracted a crowd in the corridor outside.

The bodyguard was tripped and hurled aside. Von Skal was put temporarily out of action and von Igel was securely held by Baker, who is something of an athlete.

"Now listen," ordered Baker. "We are Federal officers acting under orders. We don't want to hurt any of you. Be sensible and let us do our work."

Baker then gave an order. One of his men went to a cabinet, unlocked it and began taking out papers.

"You are standing on German soil," shrieked von Igel. "My offices are German territory. Dare arrest me and Germany will declare war against the United States. Take one of my papers and war will follow. I claim diplomatic immunity. These are Russian methods. Embassy! Em-

Now There's Another Fight

Shouting at the top of his voice von Igel broke from Baker's grip and assaulted the officer who was removing the papers from the cabinet. von Skal joined in the assault and the gigantic German went into action again. Another free for all fight followed. It ended with the Germans being quieted.

But when the agents again began emptying files and cabinets von Igel became furious. The fight was renewed. Baker's patience was exhausted. At a signal from him the agents drew revolvers and covered the Germans and thereafter the search for papers was uninterrupted save for verbal protests of von Igel.

The seized documents filled a large suitcase, Baker gave the order to unlock the outer door. As this was done, George von Skal, hatless, coatless shirt torn, dashed out.

Von Skal Was a City Official
Von Skal has been Commissioner of Accounts for New York City; has been managing editor of the Staats-Zeitung and more recently has been in the employ of von Papen. When his name figured in The World's exposure of the German propaganda last summer, and in other exposures later, he always explained he was a loyal citizen of the United States.

All the way up the stairs to the Federal building von Igel continued his claims of diplomatic privilege and renewed them when brought before Judge Hough. The Judge adjourned the arraignment until he could get counsel. Arraignment at 4 o'clock, with Lawyer Smith, who said he represented Mr. Stanchfield, as counsel, he was held in \$20,000 bail, furnished by the National Surety Company for pleading next Tuesday at 10:30 A. M.

Federal agents were asked last night if they would make an effort to get at the contents of von Igel's safe. "We don't need to," they answered.

Good Roads At 1916 State Fair

Salem, Or., April 26.—Announcement has been made by A. H. Lea, secretary of the State Fair board, that he has made arrangements with Rufus Holman, county commissioner of Multnomah county, and president of the State Association of County Judges and Commissioners, to have the association hold its convention at the state fair grounds during fair week.

Notice Of Sheriff's Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to all concerned, that under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union, bearing date the 14th day of April, 1916, in that certain suit therein pending wherein Delilah Collier is plaintiff and R. H. Betty and Effie May Betty are defendants, commanding me to make sale of the herein-after described property, and make therefrom the sum of \$600.00 principal, \$72.00 interest, \$75.00 attorney's fee, and the costs and disbursements of this suit, taxed at \$16.00, and for accruing costs.

THEREFORE, on Tuesday, the 16th day of May, 1916, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the front door of the Court House at La Grande, Union County, Oregon I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands, described in said decree, to-wit:

The south one-half of lots one and two, and the north eight feet of Lots three and four in Block nine, Honan's Addition to La Grande, Union County, Oregon, together with all the right, title and interest of said defendants, R. H. Betty and Effie May Betty in and to said premises.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 14th day of April, 1916.
AUGUST HUG,
Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.
Daily Observer—April 15, 22, 29 May 2, 9.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE.

One of Interest to Our Readers.
Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a La Grande man is confirmed after one year.

Mrs. M. E. Nibler, 2106 Third St., La Grande, says: "My back ached and I had severe pains through my right side. I was all crippled up, and I found it hard to do my housework. One of my relatives had used Doan's Kidney Pills and advised me to try them. Two boxes drove away the aches and pains, and I have had no trouble since."

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Paid Advertisement.)

For County Superintendent.
I wish to place my candidacy for nomination in the hands of Union County Republicans and ask that a thorough investigation of my record as superintendent shall be made before they render their decision. My entire time is given to the school work and I sincerely believe that the schools of Union County have continued to strengthen during my administration.

MRS. A. E. IVANHOE.

For Representative.
Direct vote of People is law with me. Republican primaries May 19th. PAT FOLEY.

For Prosecuting Attorney.
This is to announce that I am a candidate in the Republican primaries for the office of District Attorney for Union county and if nominated and elected will faithfully perform the duties of that office.

EUGENE ASHWELL.

Fair and Equal Assessment.
Upon the platform named above, I hereby announce my candidacy for assessor of Union county, on the Democratic ticket. The vote of the Democratic party at the coming primaries, is respectfully solicited.

W. A. MAXWELL.

For County Clerk
To Republicans of Union county: I hereby ask your support for the nomination to the office of county clerk and pledge you the best that is in me should I be nominated and elected.—"A dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent."

CASS M. HUMPHREYS.

For Sheriff
Candidate for Republican nomination for sheriff of Union county.
H. C. (HAL) REES,
Deputy Sheriff.

For Sheriff
Democratic candidate for sheriff of Union county, Ore., subject to primary election, May 19, 1916.—"For the people."

LEE WARNICK.

For Public Service Commissioner
I hereby announce my candidacy for Republican nomination to the office of Public Service Commissioner for Eastern Oregon District, asking the support of all Republicans.

ED. WRIGHT.

For Sheriff
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff, subject to the primaries to be held on May 19, 1916.—"Competent and faithful service."

T. H. WILLIAMSON.

D. H. Procter
Republican candidate for county clerk desires the aid of the voters for that office. If nominated and elected will continue to give best services to the county as he has in the past as County Recorder.

For County Clerk
I ask the Republicans of Union county to consider my candidacy for county clerk favorably at the coming primaries. I have been deputy county clerk under Mr. Wright for some time and am familiar with the work of the office.

KENNETH McCORMICK.

For Representative
In complying with the wishes of my friends I announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Joint Representative of Wallowa and Union counties. I solicit your support.

Yours respectfully
H. B. DAVIDHIZER.

For Representative.
To the voters of Union County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative of this county. If nominated and elected I will stand squarely and openly for the rights of the common people. I am a defender of the Oregon system; I believe in the initiative, referendum and recall, and shall do all in my power to perfect these channels of popular rule and to prevent their discredit by abuse. I believe in liberal compensation to producer and in justice to labor; I shall gladly give my support to every just measure in the interest of organized workers and producers. I pledge opposition to legislative extravagance and will fight for lower taxes.

ALBERT SMALL.

Prosecuting Attorney
To the voters of Union County: I hereby announce myself as candidate on Republican ticket for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for Union County, Oregon. If nominated and elected I will endeavor to enforce the laws without fear or favor and

to prosecute the guilty as well as protect the innocent, ever mindful of the rights of the tax payers of this county. Your support is respectfully solicited.

RODNEY J. KITCHEN.

For Sheriff
I wish to announce to the Democratic voters of Union county that I will appreciate their support for the nomination to the office of sheriff at the primaries on May 19, 1916. Being familiar with the work in that office and having a record of service to stand upon I ask favorable consideration.

TOM B. JOHNSON.

For County Clerk
I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for county clerk on the democratic ticket subject to the decision of the primary election on May 19, 1916.

J. A. CATES.

For District Attorney
To the voters of the Republican party:

If nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, conduct the affairs of prosecuting attorney with the very least possible expense and along business lines; ever appreciative of the majesty of the law and mindful of the rights of the people. "Conscientious and Intelligent service."

H. E. DIXON.

For County Commissioner
In response to many requests to be a candidate for County Commissioner I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination to that office, subject to the primary on May 19th.

W. M. COUGHANOUR.

For County Superintendent
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for School Superintendent of Union County, subject to the Republican primaries, May 19, 1916. If elected I will faithfully serve the best interests of Union County schools. Your support of my candidacy is earnestly solicited.

AUBREY G. SMITH.

For County Representative
(Subject to Republican Primaries)
State Government Is Not Politics; It is the People's Business. If elected I will work for simplification of legislative procedure, more efficient and responsible administration of state affairs, fewer and better laws, lower taxes, consolidation of related commissions, rural credits, protection of labor's rights, and a state highway through Union County.

Having always been a supporter of the Oregon System and of State Prohibition, I will labor to prevent any changes in these laws unless clearly in accord with their basic principles and for the general betterment of the people of Oregon. I favor no radical legislation, at this time, aiming either at new changes or a return to old conditions, and I will follow the advice so generally given to the public.

"When in Doubt, Vote No."
GEORGE HUNTINGTON CURREY

For Joint Representative.

I wish to announce my candidacy for Joint Representative for Union and Wallowa counties subject to the will of Republicans of the two counties at the primaries on May 19. My reference are any reputable farmer or other business man in Wallowa county.

FRED S. ASHLEY.

For County Assessor.
I am now serving my first term as county assessor. During that time I have endeavored to conduct the affairs of the office, as economical as consistent with good service with the special view of assessing all property on an absolutely fair basis and believe the records of the office will bear out the claim. I ask for re-nomination at the hands of Republicans on May 19th and pledge continuation of my policies if nominated and elected.

U. G. COUCH.

For County Commissioner.
Having served as County Commissioner by appointment to fill an unexpired term and become acquainted with the county business I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination to that office subject to the will of the Republicans of the county at the primaries on May 19th.

W. J. TOWNLEY. 4-8-16.

For State Senator Twenty-first District
I wish to announce my candidacy for renomination to the office of State Senator for the Twenty-first district comprising Union and Wallowa counties, subject to the will of Republican voters at the primaries May 19th. I stand firmly opposed to bonding either the state of Oregon or Union and Wallowa counties, and I ask that my record during the past term as senator be carefully investigated by all voters.

"Careful business management of State affairs and against bonding propositions."

ED. E. KIDDLE.

L. Denham.
Candidate for District Attorney subject to the primary nomination.

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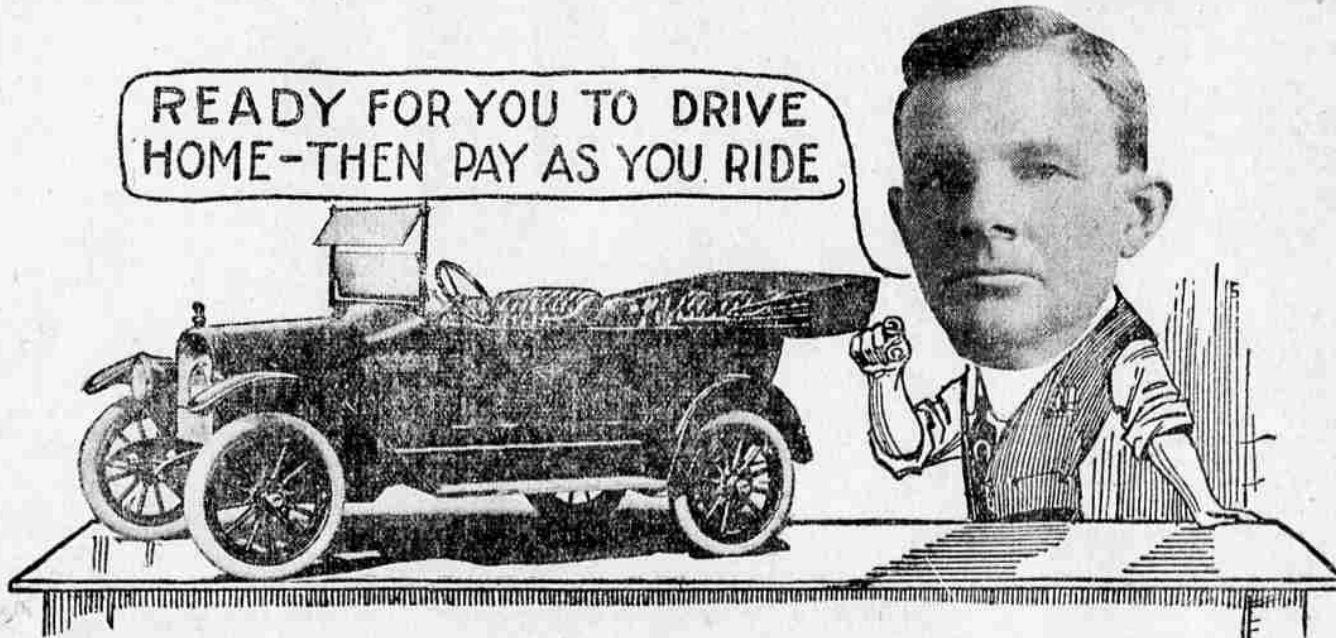
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