

PORTLAND MAN IS HELD BY GERMANS

P. L. Wilson in Serious Situation as Result of Wartime Arrest.

DAUGHTER GIFTED MUSICIAN

Clerk in American Consulate Enjoys No Diplomatic Immunity and Offense, if Proved, Would Be an Act of Treason.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Perry L. Wilson, of Portland, Or., recently a clerk in the American consulate at Berlin and now under arrest in Berlin, faces charges that are considered extremely serious by State Department officials. Wilson ostensibly was detained at the Danish border for attempting to leave Germany without a passport. The real complaint against him, however, according to information forwarded to Washington, is that he aided a British subject in obtaining a passport by asserting that he knew the applicant to be an American citizen.

Ambassador Gerard reported the case two weeks ago. Whether Wilson had left Berlin before that time has not been revealed. Unlike diplomatic representatives, consular agents have no immunities or exemption from prosecution for offenses committed in another country. If Wilson's offense should be proved as charged, it would constitute a treasonable act. The German government is under no obligation to grant leniency in such cases, but could do so on a request from this Government.

DAUGHTER GIFTED MUSICIAN

Berlin Appointment Sought to Further Girl's Education.

At the request of persons prominent in Portland musical circles, as well as those in Washington, Mr. Wilson was appointed to the clerkship in the Consular-General's office in Berlin. His daughter, Beatrice Evelyn, who was 12 years old when Mr. Wilson left Portland six years ago to assist as clerk to the military affairs committee of the Senate, thus received an opportunity to complete her musical education in the German capital and to cultivate a talent that already stamped her as a remarkable pianist.

Since leaving for Washington, Mr. Wilson has not been in Portland. When in this city he lived at 575 Lovejoy street. He stayed in Germany after war broke, though his wife and daughter returned to America and are now believed to be in Washington, D. C.

Though a member of the Order of Elks, Mr. Wilson never joined the Portland lodge during the three years he lived in this city. He came to Portland from Washington, D. C., his birthplace. He is 45 years old. "The girl had a wonderful talent and her recitals attracted much attention," said Mrs. Nora Drango, of 571 Lovejoy street, who knew the Wilson family well, yesterday. "Many Portland people wished to see her complete her education in Europe and a benefit was given that she might be sent, shortly before the appointment was made."

CASE DEPENDS ON PROOF

Punishment Regarded as Certain if Wilson Is Found Guilty.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 28.—Whether the State Department will be able to secure the release of Perry L. Wilson, of Portland, held by German authorities on the charge that he misused his office under the American Consul-General at Berlin to aid a British subject to escape from Germany will depend, it is admitted at the department, on the character of proof which the German authorities possess. If the German government can prove that Wilson issued a fraudulent passport to a British subject, fear is expressed that nothing

FORMER PORTLAND MUSICAL PRODIGY WHOSE FATHER IS UNDER ARREST IN GERMANY.



Miss Beatrice Evelyn Wilson, as She Appeared When She Surprised Portland by Her Remarkable Ability as a Pianist, Six Years Ago.

can prevent the punishment of the consular clerk, though it is believed by the department he will be dealt with more leniently than if he were a citizen of Germany. Had Wilson been German, the penalty for his offense would be death, but, being an American, he may escape with imprisonment. Until the State Department hears further from the American Ambassador at Berlin it will not know the details of the case or the character of evidence on which Wilson was arrested. The American Ambassador, however, has been instructed to use all proper efforts in Wilson's behalf. The case is more difficult to deal with at this time because of prosecutions by the Government of Germans who were caught in similar passport frauds in this country.

BERLIN BLAMES ENTENTE

FOES DECLARED TO HAVE LONG FOMENTED UNREST.

Secret Belgian Reports Quoted in Support of Charge That England Plotted Germany's Isolation.

BERLIN, July 28, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The Overseas News Agency announced today that the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung would begin tomorrow the publication of a series of supplements containing the secret reports made by the Belgian Ambassadors at London, Paris and Berlin to their home governments, covering the period from 1905 until 1914. These reports, it is said, were found in Brussels by the Germans. The Overseas Agency says:

"They will tell how England enticed France and later Russia to oppose Germany and to co-operate in the systematic isolation of Germany, drawing the net around her closer every year. The Belgian Ambassadors, especially Baron Greindt, at Berlin, and Leghain, at Paris, prophesied that the triple entente was an element of international unrest, unlike the triple alliance, which had assured European peace for more than 30 years, while the triple entente, as these Belgian Ambassadors unanimously announced, made matters drift toward the worst. "Thus the Belgian Ambassador at Paris, Baron Guillaume, writes under date of January 16, 1914: 'I have already the honor to tell you that MM. Poincare, Delcasse, Millerand and their friends invented and followed this nationalist, jingoist and Chauvinist policy, whose resurrection we have already announced. This policy is a public dan-

PEAR FUTURE BRIGHT

Grower Says Little Markets Should Be Developed.

BLIGHT UNDER CONTROL

Early Eradication Not Hoped For, but Eventual Delivery Will Result From Breeding of Resistant Varieties.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., July 28.—A big future for pear culture on the Pacific Coast was predicted today before the 46th annual convention of the California State Fruitgrowers' Association by R. H. Parsons, introduced as one of the largest peargrowers in the world.

He said that the new and little-developed field for the peargrower was in the smaller markets. At present the growers have paid attention almost exclusively to the foreign and larger domestic markets. The rapid development of pear culture, Mr. Parsons said, made necessary better development of marketing facilities and organization to accomplish the object. "Where soil and growing conditions are correct," he said, "and selling and marketing are properly handled, peargrowers of the West, and particularly in Oregon and California, can look forward to prosperity which will equal, if not exceed, that of all other deciduous fruits in this part of the temperate zone."

Mr. Parsons told of the fight against blight and of observations of his orchard at Medford, Or. He recommended bridge-grafting, the connection of an isolated, diseased part of a tree with the trunk by means of grafting, as a useful remedy.

A. L. Whisker, of Grass Valley, Cal., president of the Grass Valley Farmers' Club, said the important problem of pear culture lay in the development of blight-resistant varieties and roots. "Absolute eradication of blight cannot be hoped for," said Mr. Whisker, "but blight control is a reasonable and practicable expectation. "Eventual delivery from the blight problem can result from the breeding of varieties of high quality which shall be strongly blight-resistant, in root, trunk and branch."

Coal Vein Found in Wenatchee.

WENATCHEE, Wash., July 28.—(Special)—A vein of excellent quality of bituminous coal was discovered Saturday in East Wenatchee, on the ranch of Mrs. Flora Mason, by well-diggers. The vein lies about 15 feet under ground and is 10 inches thick. The coal gave a good quality of heat and had good burning qualities.

SIX SUNK "BY MISTAKE"

Germany Records Sinking of 265 Vessels by Submarines.

AMSTERDAM, via London, July 28.—German submarines, according to a telegram received here today from Berlin, had sunk in the war zone up to April 25, 229 English vessels, 30 other hostile ships and six neutral craft. The latter, the message says, were sent to the bottom by mistake.

Twenty-seven additional neutral vessels, the dispatch adds, were examined and sunk because they carried contraband.

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