

SPIES IN BRUSSELS BUSY EARLY IN WAR

Crowds Chase Persons of Teutonic Type Through Streets Seeking Revenge.

MANY RUMORS FLY ABOUT

Reports of French Army Entering Mulhouse and of Alsations Receiving Troops With Joy Are Heard by Belgians.

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The most indignant comments on the proposal and look forward with interest to seeing the answer of the King, which should appear tomorrow.

(The Belgian reply, which went on August 12 through the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs, is as follows: The proposal made to us by the German government repeats the proposal which was formulated in the ultimatum of August 2. Faithful to her international obligations Belgium can only reiterate her reply to that ultimatum, which she made on August 3. Her neutrality has been violated, a distressing war has been waged on her territory, and the guarantors of her neutrality have responded loyally and without delay to her appeal.)

The town is most warlike in appearance. There is hardly a house in the town that does not display a large Belgian flag. It looks as though it were bedecked for a fiesta. Here and there are French and British flags, but practically no others. Every motor in town flies a flag or flags at the bow. We fly our own, but none the less, the streets, who are stationed at all the corners dividing the chief quarters of the town and before all the ministries and other public buildings, stop us and demand the papers of the chauffeur and each passenger in the car.

We have passports and all sorts of other papers, but that was not enough, and we finally had to be furnished by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs with a special laissez-passer. This afternoon I slipped out for a breath of air and was held up and told that even that was no good until I had had it viced by the military authorities.

Spy System Bared.

It is said that these strict measures are the result of the discovery of a tremendous spy system here. According to the stories which are told, but of which we have little confirmation, spies are being picked up all the time in the strangest disguises.

The gossip and "inside news" that is imparted to us is screamingly funny—some of it.

Yesterday, according to one of these yarns, four men arriving at the Gare du Midi were followed for some time and finally arrested. When searched they proved to be young German officers who had adopted that dress in order to conceal their true identity, which they were about to deliver in Brussels. Wireless outfits are said to have been discovered in several houses belonging to Germans.

I cannot remember all the yarns that are going about, but even if a part of them are true it should make interesting work for those who are looking for the spies. The regular arrests of proved spies have been numerous enough to cause every Belgian into an amateur spy catcher. Yesterday afternoon Burgomaster Max was chased for several blocks because somebody raised a cry of "Espion!" based on nothing more than his blond beard and chubby face. I am just as glad not to be fat and blond these days.

Yesterday afternoon a garde civique came in with the announcement that the chancellor and clerks of the German legation, who were locked up there, were in dire straits; that they had been born the day before to the wife of the concierge and that all sorts of troubles had come upon them.

Baby Is Found.

Leval, who had announced that his heart was infinitely hardened against all Germans, was almost overcome by the news of a suffering baby and ran like a lamp lighter to get a bottle and help out. When we arrived, however, we found them all beaming and happy. The baby had been born some days before and the mother was up and about, before the legation had been closed. Their meals are sent in from a neighboring restaurant and they are perfectly contented to bide their time as they are.

They had orders from Berlin not to leave the legation, but made little difference to them whether they were blocked by the Belgian authorities or not. I shall drop in every day or two and see whether there is anything I can do to lighten their gloom. Of course their telephone was cut off and they are not allowed to receive mail or papers, so they are consumed with curiosity about developments. It was of course, necessary to refuse to answer their questions. About what was going on and to make assurance doubly sure I had the garde civique stand by me while I talked with them.

All Look to Uncle Sam.

As things shape up now it looks as though we were the only life-line to a country that could keep neutral for long, and as a consequence all the representatives of the countries in conflict are keeping us pretty well posted in the belief that they may have to turn their interests over to us. We shall probably soon have to add Austrian interests to the German burdens we now have.

If there is a German advance, some of the allied ministers will no doubt turn their legations over to us. The consequence is that we may see more of the inside of things than anybody else. Now, at least, we are everybody's friends. This is undoubtedly the most interesting post in Europe for the time being, and I would not be anywhere else for the wealth of the Indies.

Brussels, Aug. 10, 1914.—The Belgian government has finally got out a proclamation, urging German subjects to leave the country, but stating that in the event of a general order of expulsion certain classes of people will be allowed to remain, such as very old persons, the sick, governesses, nurses.

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There are quantities of Germans who have lived here all their lives, who are really more Belgian than German, have no interest in the present conflict and are threatened with financial ruin if they leave their interests here, and it is pretty hard on them if they are to be obliged to get out, but they are only a few of the many, many thousands who are suffering indirectly from the effects of the war.

It is not any easier for the manufacturers in the neighborhood of Liege, who will see the work of many years wiped out by the present hostilities. Some inspired idiot inserted in the papers yesterday the news that the legation was attending to the repatriation of German subjects and the consequence is that our hallways have been jammed with Germans all day, making uncouth noises and trying to argue with us as to whether or not we are in charge of German interests. The mere fact that we deny it is not enough for them! I suppose that the hallways will continue to sound like a celebration of Kaiser's birthday until we have sent off the last of them.

This morning a large, badly frightened darkey came in looking for a passport. He awaited his turn very quietly and grew visibly more and more apprehensive at the long series of questions asked of the people ahead of him. When he moved up to the desk the first question was:

"Where do you want to go?"

"Just as far as the Statue of Liberty."

"Are you an American citizen?"

"Met Lawd bless yuh! No, I ain't nuthin' but a plain old Baltimore con."

Then they gave him the usual blank to fill out. One of the questions on it was:

"Why do you desire to return to the United States?"

Without any hesitation he wrote:

"I am very much interested in my home at the present time."

Army Moves Secretly.

Everybody here is intensely curious as to what has become of the British army; the most generally accepted story is that troops have been landed at Calais, Dunkirk and Ostend, but although this is generally believed, there seems to be absolutely no official confirmation of it. Everyone seems to take it for granted that the British will turn up in good form when the right time comes and that when they do turn up it will have a good effect. If they can get to the scene of hostilities without anybody knowing about it, it increases by just so much their chances of success and anyone that knows anything at all is keeping mum and hoping that no British soldier will stumble over a chair and make a noise and give away the line of march.

Our letters from London indicate intense satisfaction with the appointment of Kitchener and confidence in him. He will get a maximum of service out of the forces at his command.

Yesterday afternoon was a moment to another for news of a big naval engagement, but suppose the British navy is somewhere waiting for a chance to strike.

Colonel Fairholme, the British military attaché, has made a number of trips to the front and reports that the morale of the Belgian troops is excellent, that the organization is moving like clockwork and, as he expresses it, that "every man has his tail up."

This evening I went over to the British legation to see the Colonel and learn whatever news he had that he could give me. There was a great scurrying of servants and the porter was not to be found in the chancery. The door of Grant Watson's room was ajar, so I tapped, and on being asked to come in, I walked into the presence of a British officer in field uniform, writing at Webster's desk.

He was dusty and unshaven and had evidently come in from a long ride. I promptly backed out with apologies and was hustled out of the place by Kidston, who came running out from the minister's office. I asked him if the rest of the army was hidden about the chancery, and he said that he was to run along and find the navy, which they themselves had not been able to locate. They evidently have all they need to know about the whereabouts of the army, but have succeeded in keeping it dark.

Blonde Are Suspected.

C. M. came over to the legation this afternoon to get some books for her mother. We fixed her up and put her in her car, when she announced that the way over she had been arrested and taken to the police station as a German. People are pointing out spies on the street and anybody that is blonde and rosy-cheeked stands a fine show of being arrested every time he goes out. She had impressed this car by being made into a jailbird.

My day's work began with a visit to the German legation. The government asked me to secure and return the number for the automobile of Von Stumm, the German Counselor. I had his machine put in the legation the day after he left, although he had offered to let me. I presented myself at the door of the legation with the note from the Foreign Office, asking for the number, but was refused admittance by the garde civiques. They were very nice, but stated that they had the strictest orders not to let anybody come in or out and that they had no discretionary powers. At a visit at the Foreign Office, the day I told of my experience, I was asked that I tried to get into the legation. This afternoon I received a formidable document from the Military Governor which gives me free passage—so far as I can make out—to enter the legation in any way save by telephone or telegraph. I shall go around tomorrow and rub it in on the garde civiques.

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HUNGER STRIKE OFF

Twenty-Two Militants Turned Out of Jail.

NO EXPLANATION IS GIVEN

Women Jubilant in Belief That They Have Won Victory—Nine Other Pickets Remain in Prison.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Twenty-two hunger-striking militants of the Women's Party were turned out of the District of Columbia Jail today with the explanation that their sentences of from 15 days to seven months had been commuted to expire at once. No official statement as to the cause was to be had, but the women were jubilant in the belief that they had succeeded in demonstrating that the jail was not big enough for them and their keepers.

Nine other militants still are imprisoned. They have not been hunger striking and the authorities were not in such a hurry to be rid of them. There were intimations tonight, however, that they, too, will be released tomorrow.

Among those freed were Miss Alice Paul, National chairman of the Women's Party, sentenced five weeks ago to seven months' imprisonment for picketing the White House, and Miss Lucy Burns, vice-chairman, who began serving a six-months' sentence two weeks ago. Both of them and most of their companions had been forcibly fed from time to time.

"Home-coming to the Women's Party headquarters was the occasion for celebration and festivity. The party had to be put to bed, but even those who were weakest managed to enjoy the delicacies and forget jail fare and feeding tubes.

Speculation as to why the prisoners were released covers a wide field. Most of the women believe that Police Judge Mullenbary, who sentenced them and commuted the sentences, received orders from "higher up" and that the administration has directed that the policy of sending them to jail be abandoned. In some quarters, however, it is asserted that the authorities may be playing the English "cat and mouse game," intending to look up the militants as often as they appear with their banners at the White House and turn them loose as soon as the hunger-strike reaches the danger point.

At the Women's Party headquarters it was stated tonight no further dem-

onstrations at the White House will be staged until after President Wilson delivers his annual address to Congress.

The militants hope the President will recommend a Federal suffrage amendment in his message.

RAILROADS TO TRY POOLING

Cabinet Decides to Postpone Government Operation for Present.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The railroad problem was discussed at length at today's Cabinet meeting. Afterward it was said that Government operation of railroads during the war will be attempted only if it becomes certain the roads themselves are unable to deal with difficulties that confront them.

The general belief among Administration officials is that the pooling plan about to be inaugurated by the roads should be given a thorough try-out and that if it fails, the Government then should take a hand. There is some doubt, however, that any pooling plan will work as well as it might, so long as each road is compelled to concern itself with its individual profits.

Disloyal Professor Loses Job.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Nov. 27.—The appointment of Leonidas R. Whipple as professor of Journalism at the University of Virginia was rescinded today by the board of visitors after an investigation of alleged disloyal sentiments expressed by Whipple in an address last week at Sweet Briar College, Virginia.

HOWLAND TRUST DIVIDED

Court Orders Distribution Among 427 Claimants.

BOSTON, Nov. 27.—The full bench of the Supreme Court today ruled that the Sylvia Ann Howland trust fund, amounting to \$1,000,000, in which the late Mrs. Betty Green had a life interest, should be divided into 427 parts for distribution among the heirs. By this order three grandchildren of Olden Howland will each receive one part and the remainder will be divided among the more remote of the 427 claimants.

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