

ESCAPE OF GERMAN BOX PRISONER

Huge Packing Case Found to Contain Navy Lieutenant in Semi-Conscious State.

PROTRUDING ARM BETRAYS

British Officials Nearly Outwitted by Ingenious Ruse Adopted by Alien Prisoner to Get Out of Country.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A German army officer whom a customs official at Gravesend Saturday found concealed in a huge box which was supposed to be shipped to Rotterdam told an alien immigration officer that his name was Otto Koehn and that he was a lieutenant in the German navy, according to a dispatch from Gravesend to Lloyd's News.

The lieutenant said he had been in America recently, continues the message, and returned aboard the steamship Odetas shortly before the outbreak of the war.

Subsequently he was arrested in Southampton and interned in the camp of aliens at Dorchester.

Box Found Among Luggage.
The box in which the officer was found was among the luggage of some elderly alien who were being sent from the camp at Dorchester to Germany. On arriving at Tilbury from Dorchester they were transferred to a ferryboat for Gravesend, where they boarded the steamer Batavier, bound for Rotterdam. Porters handling the baggage found beneath the pile of packages a huge packing case on which were stencilled the words, "Non-poisonous safety matches."

The case was so heavy that the porters had to lift it over the side of the dock to the rails separating it from the Batavier. The bumping of the box apparently stunned the occupant and forced the lid of the case partly open, causing an arm to protrude.

Preparations for Comfort Made.
This was noticed by a Dutch seaman, who called the attention of the ferryboat skipper to it. The seaman in charge of those being deported was called and found the man in the box in a semi-conscious state.

It is believed, concludes the dispatch, that the men in the Dorchester camp, when they learned that several men above military age were being deported, plotted to hide Koehn in a packing case which had contained Swedish matches. Although Koehn, who was taken to a police station, declared that nobody assisted him, elaborate preparations had been made for his comfort. Arms rested on air cushions, a bottle of cognac and bananas were among the things provided for him.

Police and Military Mystified.
The Dorchester correspondent of Lloyd's News sends the following dispatch concerning the affair:
The railway authorities here disclaim all knowledge of the man who was described as that found at Gravesend, nor are the police and military authorities cognizant of the escape of a prisoner from the Dorchester camp, where the roll call is called three times daily. There have been considerable movements of this prisoner during the last few days, however, and it is possible that the man captured at Gravesend contrived to escape during these operations.

GERMANS TAKE 200 PRISONERS
French Attacks Near St. Mihiel and Markirch Reversed.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—(By wireless to London.)—The German official statement issued today says:
"On the Western Russian frontier our cavalry repulsed Russian cavalry, taking 350 prisoners."

"South of the Vistula and in Northern Poland our operations are developing."

"In Southern Poland Russian attacks have been repulsed by Austro-Hungarian and German troops."

"In the east the Russian forces were beaten back in the fighting along the East Prussian frontier and in Southern Poland."

"Moreover, we took over 200 prisoners near Apremont. South of St. Mihiel repeated stubborn French attacks were repulsed, as was also our attacks in the vicinity of Markirch."

COLUMBIA CHARGE FAILS
ONE CASE AGAINST EX-SHERIFF THOMPSON DISMISSED.

Court Holds Evidence Insufficient to Prove Taking of Tax Money for Self—Other Plaintiffs Pending.

ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.) In the case of the state against A. E. Thompson, ex-Sheriff of Columbia County, tried here today, Judge Eddy dismissed the charge after the state had presented its evidence.

The indictment against Mr. Thompson alleged larceny of public money collected as taxes from Jack Appleton. No record of this money was found on the books in the Sheriff's office.

The judge, in dismissing the case, declared the state had not made sufficient showing that Mr. Thompson had converted the money to his own use, the evidence tending to show that the defendant might have turned the money over to the Treasurer at a later date.

Judge Eddy fixed \$100 box answer. Mr. Thompson should give on similar charges pending against him.

OPEN DOOR CALLS POLICE
Watchman by Closing Jewelry Store Summons Bluecoats.

Accidental ringing of the burglar alarm of the jewelry store of A. & C. Feldenheimer, Park and Washington streets last night, hastened two squads of policemen to the scene.

It was ascertained that the back door had been left unlocked and the night watchman, in closing the door, touched the mechanism that notified the police. So quickly did the police arrive that the watchman had not finished locking the door when he was surrounded by bluecoats.

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Nation to Prevent Crushing of Vanquished Nations.

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PIONEER, WHO CROSSED PLAINS IN 1853, WELL KNOWN.

Funeral Services Will Be Held at Finley's Undertaking Establishment Today.

Henry S. Stephenson, a pioneer resident of Oregon who crossed the plains in the early '50s, died at his home south of Portland Thursday afternoon after a brief illness.

Mr. Stephenson was 76 years of age and known to nearly all the pioneers in this part of the state. He was a brother of the late Dr. E. W. Williams. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock today at the Norn Kin Low restaurant, on Fourth, near Everett street, at which Dr. Fung and Mr. Koe will speak. Judge Stevenson will preside. The meeting is under the auspices of the Portland Chinese Nationalists' League, of which Lee Quin is president.

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CHINESE FUNERAL GALA
AMERICAN-BORN CELESTIALS PLAY IN BAND LEADING PARADE.

Twenty-Seven Taxicabs, Each Labeled With Name of Occupant in Cortege of White New, Pioneer Merchant.

Led by a band composed of American-born Chinese playing standard dirges and followed by 27 taxicabs occupied by his countrymen, the body of White New, a Chinese merchant at 26 Second street, was solemnly paraded through the downtown streets yesterday before the Chinese funeral home.

The procession started at Third and Salmon streets. Marching down Third street to Pine, it doubled back on Second street to the Morrison-street bridge, over which it crossed to the cemetery.

A dozen Chinese walked bareheaded behind the hearse. In the 27 taxicabs that followed were representatives of Chinese societies and members of families of friends of White New. On the window of each cab was a sentence in Chinese telling who the occupants were and whom they represented. One cab was empty, but kept its place in line with its lessee's name on the window.

The New Era Chinese band was the one which led the procession. Another band, typically Chinese, joined in the services at the grave. In the Chinese section of Lone Fir Cemetery the usual Oriental funeral ceremonies were held. The body was taken to the altar, where Joss sticks and candles were burned to propitiate evil spirits. One hundred and fifty Chinese participated in the services.