

**SPYING ON BRITISH
MAIL ALLEGE TASK**

**Instructions Charged to German
Attache at Washington
Related to Authorities.**

MYSTERIOUS NOTE TRACED

**Type of Letter to Wife of Man Held
for Passport Fraud Similar to
Others Laid to Captain
Boy-ed, Says Attorney.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Charles H. Griffiths, attorney for Richard P. Stegler, the German naval reservist arrested here Wednesday on the charge of falsifying an American passport, announced last night that the would place in the hands of the Federal authorities an anonymous typewritten letter received by Mrs. Stegler which would have been written to Stegler by Captain K. Boy-ed, naval attache of the German Embassy at Washington.

LETTER THREATENS WIFE

The letter, which Captain Boy-ed today denied having written or knowing anything about, read as follows: "Reading today's New York American, allow me to tell you that it was your fault that your husband has been arrested and will have to go to jail for many years and will be always a looked-at scoundrel. Accept the advice to keep your mouth shut and do not open it before you at first consult a lawyer. Besides, you put your country in a bad position, because your case will only increase the ill-feeling of the Germans against the Americans, and you know that a war with the Germans would be the greatest disaster for the Americans."

St. Nicholas Spelled "K." The letter was mailed in New York yesterday and was addressed to Mrs. Stegler at her home, 25 St. Nicholas terrace. Mr. Griffiths said that the letter was spelled "St. Nicholas," as in the letters sent by Captain Boy-ed, and that it bore the stamp of the same postoffice station.

"This thing is too ridiculous to answer," Captain Boy-ed said, when asked today if he wrote the letter. "All letters that have gone out of this office have been reviewed by my stenographer and I suppose there must be thousands of typewriters like the one who wrote this letter. I have been accused of so many things that I would not be surprised if they tried to fix the Rosenthal murder on me or the responsibility for the next subway accident."

Stegler repeated today, Mr. Griffiths said, his declaration that Captain Boy-ed had wanted him to go to England as a spy, especially to get details of a report that the British admiralty was sitting out at Belfast several merchantmen which were to be sent, disguised as German boats, to the mouths of the Elbe and Weser rivers and sunk there in order to blockade Cuxhaven, Bremerhaven and other German ports.

Mr. Page Says Americans are in England at Own Risk. Neutralists have no right to demand notice of assault, ambassador replies to inquirers. LONDON, Feb. 27.—In response to inquiries from Americans residing in England asking if measures could be taken to insure their being warned in case of a hostile attack on the British Isles, American Ambassador Page has, according to today's Daily Mail, made the following statement: "A neutral remains in the territory of a belligerent at his own risk. The Ambassador knows of no precedent for belligerent governments making a belligerent give notice of an attack on the enemy for the sake of safety of neutrals. The Ambassador is inclined to think that what you may have in mind is whether the Hague convention gives the United States the right to ask notice of Germany in case of Zeppelin attacks on England. When the United States signed the Hague convention it inserted a special clause relieving itself of any obligation to interfere in any way with differences arising between European nations."

LARCH TRAIL FUND GROWS

Progressive Business Men to Begin Canvass for Seat Sale. Two more boxes for the Tuesday night performance of "The White of the World" were sold Friday to aid the Larch Mountain trail by Jacob Kanzer, formerly president of the Progressive Business Men's Club, which has bought out the house at the Hellig for this performance. This leaves only six boxes left. The purchasers yesterday were the Rotary Club and the officials of the Union Meat Company.

NEW POSTMASTERS NAMED

Fourth-Class Offices in State of Washington Are Filled. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—The following fourth class postmasters were appointed today for offices in the State of Washington:

**SENATE INCREASES
SUBMARINE FLEET**

Million Is Added for Armor Plant and Half Million for Projectile Factory.

SMOOT URGES DEFENSE

House Stands by Prohibition of Scientific Methods in Arminals. Ship Bill Is Relegated to Last Place on List.

VERSE WRITER IS GUEST

**COLORADO SOCIETY ENTERTAINS
JAMES BARTON ADAMS.**

Poet's Favorites Are Read Before Admirers and Other Newspapermen Are Speakers. James Barton Adams, the dean of newspaper verse writers, whose productions adorn more scrapbooks in the United States than those of any other contemporary newspaper poet, was introduced to the people of Portland Friday night at the Library. Members of the Colorado Society and many other admirers of his work were present and his rendition of some of his favorite selections from his own work was received with enthusiasm. One of the hits of the evening was his reading of "Bliss in the Legislature," which has been printed in newspapers throughout the country through failure to credit Mr. Adams has frequently found it marked "Anonymous" and has had his authorship disputed at times by persons who had seen it credited elsewhere. C. E. Short, the well-known reader and entertainer, presided over the meeting and introduced the great of Adams' works. Other speakers were Addison Bennett, Rex Lammpan, Dean Collins and William H. Talley.

LIQUOR SELLERS GUILTY

**OREGON CITY COURT TO SENTENCE
TWO 'BOOTLEGGERS' TODAY.**

Frank Smalley Tells of Trip to Portland for Supplies—One Is Acquitted by Jury. OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Claus Krohn was convicted and E. C. Churchman acquitted Friday in the justice court on a charge of violating the state local option law. Frank Smalley, who was arrested in the raid on an alleged "blind pig" last Saturday, entered a plea of guilty, and Krohn and Churchman will be sentenced tomorrow morning. The jury deliberated an hour. The state endeavored to show that the three carried on a systematic traffic in whiskey. A cardboard box containing an empty glass demijohn and a hand grip with two of the large bottles were introduced as evidence along with the 18 bottles of whiskey that officers said were found in the house. Constable Frost and Deputy Sheriff Miles testified that they had seen Krohn come in from Portland with the jar. Smalley was the principal witness for the state. He said that in selling a bottle of whiskey to "Mike" Long last Saturday night he was acting as an agent for Krohn and that Krohn received the money for the sale. Many details of the operation of the alleged "blind pig" were brought out by the testimony of Smalley. Krohn, he said, made regular trips to Portland and brought back two gallons of whiskey each time. Smalley testified that he had the ship for a fresh supply only once when Krohn was ill. He said he had no knowledge of any dealings between Churchman and Krohn. Krohn and Smalley have lived in Oregon City for the last 20 years.

STRIKE NOT PERMITTED

**BRITAIN ORDERS SHIPBUILDERS TO
OPERATE BY MARCH 1.**

Arrangements to Submit Dispute to Court of Arbitration Promised by Industrial Commissioner. LONDON, Feb. 27.—While labor conferences were being held today to decide what action should be taken regarding the refusal of the Clyde shipbuilders to grant an increase of 4 cents an hour in wages to the shipyard engineers, some of whom are already on strike, the government made a dramatic move in sending a letter to both employers and workmen, ordering the resumption of work on Monday, and promising that arrangements would be made for the dispute to be referred to a court of arbitration. The letter was signed by Sir George Asikwith, chief industrial commissioner. Sir George pointed out that in consequence of the delay in reaching a settlement the requirements of the nation were being seriously endangered and he had been instructed by the government that "important munitions of war, urgently required by the navy and army, are being held up by the present cessation of work, and that they must call for a resumption of work on Monday morning, March 1." The court of arbitration, which is to be convened, will have power to fix the date from which a settlement shall take effect. Had the unrest been allowed to spread 100,000 men would have been involved. The unions had not authorized the strike, but the men had already refused the employers' offer of a 2-cent half an hour increase and were about to vote an official strike.

INTRASTATE RULE UPHOLD

**Interstate Commerce Commission
Wins Court Decision.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Three Judges of the United States Court—Landis, Kuhlmann and Geiger—ruled today that the Interstate Commerce Commission has jurisdiction over an intrastate railroad. Sitting en banc, they ordered dissolved a temporary injunction maintained by the Northern Minnesota Railroad last December, restraining the Commission from enforcing its ruling raising the rate on wood pulp.

The road extends only 15 miles and is entirely within the State of Minnesota. Its argument that because it could not do an interstate business was not amenable to the Commission was overruled by the court.

**The Glorious Springtime
Has Come**
**--Our Spring
Apparel Is Here**

Spring — with swelling bud, with lark and robin caroling joyously—proclaims herself on every hand. In our women's apparel shop, too, Spring has blossomed in a day! Women of Portland are invited to feast their eyes on these new fabrics, so handsomely fashioned and so redolent of the very perfume of Spring.

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GARY RAPS CRITICS
Steel Man Says Investigator Often Is Incompetent.

SLANDER DECADE PASSING
Time Coming, Speaker Predicts, When Committee and Commissions Will Be Taken Before Similar Bodies for Judgment.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 27.—Declaring that investigators often are not only incompetent but are prejudiced, and as a result willfully reverse many prejudiced and willfully reverse many of the material and pertinent facts. "No one is exempt from these criticisms. They extend from the lowest individual even to the nation. This is without question, an epoch of indiscriminate criticism. Much is justified; probably more is without warrant. In the last decade there has been more abuse, more slander, more personal attack and more demagoguery, and, as a consequence, more injury to the general public than ever before. "Circumstances seem to show that we are approaching the time when the investigator will be investigated, when the critic will be criticized; when committees and commissions will be brought before other similar bodies for judgment."

HOME FOR GIRL IS ASKED
Associated Charities Takes Charge When Family Leaves for Siberia.

The Associated Charities is looking for a good home for a bright, good little girl, a Russian by birth. This child's father and mother and their other children are leaving for Siberia and the young girl will remain in Portland.

**Words Cannot Express
The Gratitude these Women
Feel For The
Help Peruna
Has Been
To Them.**

**Catarrh of
Throat and
Stomach.**

Mrs. Thomas M. Morgan, R. F. D. 2, Wadsworth, O., writes: "I was a constant sufferer for 12 years with catarrh in my head and nose, sick headaches, stomach trouble. I used to get cramps in my stomach that nearly killed me. I got a bottle of Peruna and Man... and commenced using it. I kept taking it faithfully, soon got better, and am now entirely cured. Peruna is my comfort. I will never be without it."

Mrs. Elin Malmgren, 133 Frederick St., West Manchester, N. H., writes: "Every Spring and Fall for 11 years, I have been troubled with catarrh in my throat and nose and hoarseness, and I am very pleased to state that at last I found a medicine, Peruna, from which I received great benefit, and I will hereafter use and recommend it. I always keep it in my house in case of sickness. I recommend your medicine to all my friends and every sufferer, as an excellent medicine for colds and for building up strength. We have a good medicine and always recommend it whenever I have an opportunity. I can truthfully say that I have no traces of my old complaint and have neither ache nor pain, and enjoy life. Words cannot express my appreciation for the good Peruna has done me."

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SKULL FOUND IN CLOSET.
A human skull was discovered in a house at 49 1/2 Clay street yesterday by a servant who was cleaning rubbish.

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