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UNITED STATES SOLDIER IS CHARGED WITH BEING SPY

War Department Perturbed Over Charges Filed by Kentucky Young Woman.

MAYBE WORKING FOR AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT

Think Mission to Secure Secrets of Manufacturers of High Explosives.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—The War Department today for the first time in many years is perturbed over an alleged spy in the army. Captain James Watson, army recruiting officer at Indianapolis, Ind., has advised the department that he holds affidavits charging Private George Peters with being an Austrian secret agent. The department is considering the charges. It is not believed the charges, even if well founded, indicates the Austrian government is remotely contemplating future hostilities with America. The probable object of the alleged spy is to discover for his government the composition of the remarkable high explosive "dynamite" used in army and navy shells and said to be far superior to any foreign explosive. One of the papers in the possession of Capt. Watson is an affidavit of Miss Clara A. Dyer who had previously inquired about obtaining Peter's release from the army. She said Peters was stationed at Fort Troten, N. Y., in the 135th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, and that he was an Austrian spy sent to the United States to obtain the secret of manufacturing the powerful explosive used by the United States government. Miss Dyer said she met Peters on an ocean liner en route from Europe last September and later, during a visit of Peters to her Kentucky home had become engaged to him. The girl turned over a number of letters from Peters in which he told of his plans. Peters' real name she said was Count Windisch Graetz, whose home is Prague, Bohemia.

FRANCHISES WILL COME UP

Waterworks and Front Street Railroad Grants Before Council Tuesday Night.

The Marshfield city council meeting tomorrow evening promises to be one of the liveliest that has been known in a long time as two of the most important questions that body has ever been called upon to decide will come before them to be disposed of.

The waterworks franchise will be up and a strenuous effort made to have the council grant it. There will also be opposition to the granting of it as municipal ownership has many supporters and its adherents will oppose allowing the franchise until the people have expressed themselves as for or against it. While Messrs. Nolan and Jackson will ask the franchise on the claim that the city can take it over from them by paying them what they will pay Flanagan & Bennett for it, plus the amount they expend in improvements, etc., some see the danger of endless litigation in such a plan and the possibility of the city not being able to take it over for twenty-five years as is provided in the franchise.

The waterfront car line matter will also come up for action. About the same questions are involved in it as are involved in the waterworks matter.

This evening, a meeting of the joint committee of the North Bend and Marshfield city councils will be held to select an engineer to figure data on a municipal water plant for the two towns. There are several applicants for the job and it is likely that one will be chosen.

MANY HURT IN STRIKE RIOTS

California Strikers and Strike-Breakers In Battle at Crockett Last Night.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CROCKETT, Cal., Aug. 7.—Three men were shot and half a dozen others injured by flying bricks in a fight between the striking warehouse men and the strike-breakers brought in by the California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company last night. One Italian strike-breaker was shot in the groin and will die. Frank Cright, a watchman of the company, and T. Cronin, a striker, were seriously wounded. The mob was dispersed by constables and deputy sheriffs.

The names of the Naval Reserve members going are included in the Breakwater passenger list elsewhere in tonight's Times.

Mayor Straw, commander of the local divisions, was unable to accompany them yesterday but will leave in a few days and join them at Astoria.

Another feature of the bringing of the Boston to Coos Bay will be that she will use Coos Bay coal. The coal for the trip was shipped on the Breakwater. Capt. Edgar Simpson of North Bend will assist the regular government navigating officers in bringing the vessel to Coos Bay.

THAT WATER FRANCHISE

"WILL you walk into my parlor said the spider to the fly. It has the nicest little water franchise that ever you did spy." This is the revised version up-to-date as given by Mr. Nolan who wants a fifty years franchise from the city of Marshfield so that he may purchase the Flanagan & Bennett waterworks for \$150,000 and make the people pay for it by raising the rates and bonding the property after it is fortified with a franchise that is one of the most one-sided contracts ever offered an intelligent people.

And he makes a special plea that the city council grant him this franchise and then let the public vote on a municipal water system afterwards. If the people vote favorably to municipal ownership, he says, he will give them the waterworks at the price he pays for it plus what he spends in improvements.

How nice. In the first place Mr. Nolan will have his franchise. It is a franchise that one man has said is worth \$50,000. Of course, Mr. Nolan would have us believe what a trusting, confiding innocent and gullible bunch of business men our city councilmen are.

After he has the franchise if the people say they want it back, he will give it to them, of course. Mr. Nolan evidently has forgotten that he previously stated that the reason he wanted a long franchise was that he might market the bonds to make the repairs. According to this latest statement he would like to buy the Flanagan & Bennett waterworks for \$150,000, issue bonds, make the improvements, and then hand it, back to the people. What a fine philanthropist and altruist Mr. Nolan is. The people have sadly misjudged him. They thought that the way he was raising the rates and asking a fifty years franchise that he was selfish and looking out for No. 1. But he has been misrepresented and misjudged. He is here to help the poor benighted residents out of their difficulties. Just give him the franchise, let him do the work and he will give it back—may be.

He taxes our credulity. I wonder how it is that Omaha let such a public spirited citizen get outside the city limits. Why shouldn't the citizens of Coos Bay make up a purse and present it to him along with a fifty years franchise as a testimonial to his worth and willingness to make a public sacrifice. Such splendid public spirit and unselfish devotion and disinterestedness should not go unrewarded.

Of course the price agreed upon by Mr. Nolan and Flanagan & Bennett namely \$150,000 should be accepted without question and the people should pay it without investigation, although Mr. Nolan himself admits it would not be worth that money and he would not buy it unless the fifty years franchise was attached—so the franchise is asked to be given as a free gift to put value behind the \$150,000 purchase price and then the people are asked to buy back what they have given away.

Good scheme, isn't it? Yes, good for Mr. Nolan and Mr. Bennett but how about the people? Oh, they are a bunch of boneheads, anyway, and don't know anything about business. It takes brains to manipulate a franchise and it takes capital which must be secured by the people's franchise to operate it.

Roseburg gets water for \$1.00 per month for a residence including bath tubs and accessories and on ameter may use 5,000 gallons per month and in excess of that will get it for 20 cents per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Nolan's franchise asks \$1.25 to \$2.50 for the same service with a maximum amount of only 4,000 gallons and 30 cents per 1,000 gallons.

O. B. Hinsdale, well-known in Marshfield, is now living in Los Angeles. The city owns the waterworks and it costs Mr. Hinsdale only an average of 65 to 75 cents per month for water for his house and all he wishes for sprinkling purposes for lawn and garden.

In Seattle, Tacoma and Portland the same service costs only 50 cents to 75 cents per month but in Marshfield the minimum rate is to be \$1.25 to \$2.50—and a fifty years franchise.

That's lovely, isn't it? They say that Marshfield is too small to own its waterworks. How about Myrtle Point and Coquille? They are doing it and making it pay, too.

Marshfield should have its own municipal waterworks. It is not an experiment. It has been tried and proven practical and successful. Cities everywhere are successfully adopting the municipal system. They have it in Medford, in Eugene, in Portland and right here in Coos county in Myrtle Point and Coquille.

The terms of this franchise are an insult to the intelligence of the people of this community. Mr. Nolan's demand that the council complacently give him the franchise and then let the people vote on the municipal franchise afterward is so closely allied to a bunco game that he forfeits the right to honest consideration either from the council or the people. The man who locked his stable after the horse was stolen was a Solomon in wisdom compared with Nolan's opinion of a city council that would fall into such an open trap.

Does Marshfield that is about to enter on a period of expansion and development wish to block her progress by granting a 50 years franchise even with an option to purchase in twenty-five years? That means twenty-five years behind the era in which we live.

The Times thinks not. The Times greatly mistakes the spirit and the intelligence of the people of this city if they will permit themselves to be bamboozled by a 50 years water franchise and increased rates or will permit Mr. Nolan or any local interest to stuff it down their throats.

TALKS ABOUT BOISE LINE

The Roseburg News says: "Emery T. Smith, president of the First Trust & Savings Bank and father of Robert E. Smith, arrived in the city. Asked by a representative of The News as to business conditions in the East he said that for certain lines of investment such as mortgages and preferred bonds there was an abundance of funds, but that the banks were inclined to be conservative in loans for industrial purposes.

Regarding the proposed Coos Bay and Boise railroad and its purported bond issue Mr. Smith said: "I am

not acquainted with the promoters of the enterprise but I have long known the Commonwealth Title and Trust company, of Philadelphia, who my son states are named as grantee in the trust deed. It is one of the strong institutions of that city and its directors include some of the strongest men in the East.

"I have of course no way of knowing what syndicate, if any, is to underwrite the bonds. I believe however, that one or more transcontinental lines will be built into Coos Bay before the completion of the Panama Canal." Mr. Smith, being as he is, identified with some of the leading financial men of Philadelphia, this is gratifying news.

Mr. Smith will be at Roseburg and Myrtle Creek, where he has a Jersey farm, for a week or ten days, when he will return to his San Francisco home.

LAFFERTY SAYS SCANDAL IS DUE TO POLITICAL ENEMIES

MRS. J. N. NELSON PASSES AWAY

Coos Bay Pioneer Succumbs at Home of Daughter in San Francisco.

Mrs. J. N. Nelson, a pioneer resident of Coos Bay, and wife of J. N. Nelson, formerly a member of the Marshfield city council, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Peterson, in San Francisco Saturday. A telegram announcing her death was received by Mrs. Peter Johnson, a close friend of the family.

Death was due to a cancerous tumor of the stomach and complications incident to her advanced age. She left Coos Bay for California several months ago, when taken ill, in hopes that the change of climate would afford relief but it did not. Mr. Nelson left a few months ago and was with his wife at the time she died.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson came to Coos Bay about thirty years ago from Nebraska. Mrs. Nelson was seventy-five years old last Christmas. Only two children, Mrs. Annie Peterson of San Francisco and Fred Nelson of Marshfield survive her besides her husband.

Fred Nelson left yesterday on the Redondo for San Francisco where burial will probably take place.

BARRETT WILL ACT.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5.—Owing to the inability of Secretary of the Interior Fisher to be present at Astoria for the opening of the Astoria Centennial, President Taft has designated John Barrett, director of the Pan American Union to represent him at the opening ceremonies August 10.

GIVE BANQUET TO J. P. O'BRIEN

Eugene Commercial Club Arranges to Celebrate Railway to Coos Bay.

The Eugene Guard says: "Word was received today from J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines in the Northwest, and vice-president of the Southern Pacific company, that he will be in Eugene on Wednesday of next week, and this day has been set by the Commercial club for the celebration of the announcement of the construction of the Eugene-Marshfield railway. Besides Mr. O'Brien, other prominent railroad men will be guests of Eugene. Among them will be G. X. Wendling, president of the Willamette-Pacific railway company, under which name the Southern Pacific will be built to Coos Bay from Eugene, and who is the owner of thousands of acres of timber land in Lane county. He has accepted the invitation extended by the Commercial club.

"The big feature of the day will be the banquet at the Osburn hotel in the evening, to which practically all the business men in Eugene will attend. Elaborate arrangements are being made for the occasion. A large orchestra will be engaged to furnish the music, and many other features will be arranged to show the railroad men the city's appreciation of the new railroad news.

Oregon Congressman Offers Explanation of Charges Against Him.

COMPROMISING LETTER TO GIRL IS EXPLAINED

Claims That He "Squared It" With Father of Young Woman In Question.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—To the activity of his political enemies, Representative A. W. Lafferty of Oregon ascribes the threatening attitude assumed by the father of a young woman in this city. The representative admits having addressed a letter to the young woman, to whom he had never been introduced, enclosing a card to the House gallery and expressing the hope that he might some time have an introduction if agreeable to her, but states that that was all the letter contained. Lafferty says he received a call from the young woman's father, who is chief clerk in one of the government departments. The father, said Lafferty, remarked he was surprised to see the representative was so youthful a man. Apparently that had relieved his mind, as he had imagined said Lafferty, that the letter had been written in bad faith. The visitor departed in good humor, declared Lafferty, who had not seen him since. A letter came, however, threatening Lafferty. It was written on paper manufactured in Oregon, according to the representative and for that reason he considers it inspired by political enemies.

GREAT BARGAIN, easy terms, quarter mile frontage on "Old ocean's gray and melancholy waste," 21 acres.—Todd, Hotel Oregon, North Bend.

MANY LEAVE ON REDONDO

Steamship Sails For San Francisco With Large List Sunday Afternoon.

The Redondo sailed yesterday afternoon with a capacity passenger list from here for San Francisco. Most of her outgoing cargo was lumber from the Smith mill.

Among those sailing on her were the following:

A. Z. Downs, W. R. Montgomery, Lloyd Cornwell, Hilda Stenholm, Mrs. M. J. Cornwell, Miss Margaret Cornwell, Miss Hanna Peterson, Mrs. J. W. Crooks, Mrs. Geo. Murphy, Mrs. Leo J. Barnes, Mrs. May W. Browning, Miss Anna Browning, Miss L. Edwards, Wanda Stevens, Minnie Harkensee, Mrs. W. J. Butler, Miss Alice Butler, Miss Lilabel Davis, Fred E. Nelson, J. F. Hobson, Paul Schillerstrom, Frank Vair, H. A. Bay, Mrs. H. A. Bay, Mrs. G. Back, E. E. Noah, Mrs. G. E. Neuh, K. Sarkka, J. Lando, A. Kattelus, R. H. Cole, C. Sulley.

be paid by the Eugene people who attend, the price having been set at one dollar a plate.

"The railroad men will be on sight-seeing trips around t in automobiles, and every at possible will be given them. committee on entertainment f yet met, but will get together earliest possible moment and the details of the great

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