

CIVIL AUTHORITY EXPECTED NOW TO TRY SPOREMAN

Alleged German Agent, Meld in Baltimore, Is Turned Over to Department of Justice Men.

LOVE FOR GIRL IS UNDOING

Conversation on Street Car Gives Tip—Letters Keep Officials Posted as to Whereabouts.

Baltimore, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Walter Sporeman has been turned over to the department of justice. Action in his case now rests with Attorney General Gregory.

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—The love of Walter Sporeman, alleged German agent, for a pretty, talented girl musician in a local hotel, led to his arrest in the Hampton Roads naval district.

That girl—May Stoops, who says she is American through and through—said today she had warned Sporeman against working around army camps, because, as he was a German, it might be dangerous for him.

Letters which Sporeman sent the girl were stopped in transit and inspected by the prying eyes of government officials. In this way they kept trace of him and arrested him near Newport News, Va.

The girl musician is not regarded as in any way connected with Sporeman's alleged spy work.

Addicted to Drugs Is Belief

Government evidence indicates Sporeman was probably addicted to drugs. The United Press was informed that the search of his effects showed several drugs and a hypodermic in his trunk, along with damaging documents indicating an alliance with his fatherland.

That Sporeman may have been a tool for bigger men is the belief of authorities here.

The girl musician professed to be

dumbfounded at the revelations of Sporeman's work.

"Oh, do you think it can be true?" she gasped. "I can't believe it. I don't know what to think."

"Didn't you know that he was a German?" she was asked. "Oh, yes, I knew that. And I always told him that he ought not to work around army camps because he is a German. I begged and begged him to get something else to do where he wouldn't be in so much danger, but, of course, I didn't think he would do anything like this."

Civil Authorities to Handle Case

"I am American through and through and I wouldn't do anything against my country. Why, I'd die first."

She paused to pull out a package containing a handkerchief with an American flag on it.

"Look here; let me show you something," she interrupted. "It was only yesterday that he sent me an American flag that he thought I would like."

The girl didn't know whether she would attempt to see Sporeman in jail. What will happen to Sporeman if convicted is still in doubt. The department of justice probably will handle the case, making it a civil procedure, with a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and 30 years' imprisonment.

The new espionage law apparently does not prevent the death penalty, but it does not appear that there is a disposition to give him the limit.

Government authorities revealed today that their original tip on Sporeman came from a conversation overheard on a streetcar.

Camp Grant Private Held

Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—Oscar Brehmer, a private in the 342d infantry, was arrested today on suspicion of being a relative of Lieutenant Walter Sporeman, alleged German spy. He is being held here pending word from Washington.

The authorities have had Brehmer under observation since he was detected making military notes on a bookmark in a Bible. He enlisted in New York and was transferred to Sparta, Wis. He is said to have admitted that he was a German seaman and escaped from Buenos Aires.

Dominic Aquino Is Held to Grand Jury

Dominic Aquino was held to the grand jury on a charge of second degree murder by Municipal Judge Rossman Tuesday in connection with the investigations into the death of Lucy Carter, who was killed as result of a fall out of a window at the Cadillac hotel, December 22.

AUSTRIAN BRIGADES AND GUNS ASSEMBLE FOR SPRING CAMPAIGN

Austrians Move From Italian to German Front—Cold Weather Impedes Usual Day's Work.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Austrian army units are arriving on the western front in preparation for the great German spring drive. Giant Austrian howitzer and other artillery units have been moved westward from the Italian front.

These features of the most recent developments in the war theatre were announced Tuesday by Secretary of War Baker in his official weekly war summary. The statement reads:

"There were no new developments in the military situation during the week closed. On the active fronts in the west and in Italy the equilibrium of the battle has been maintained."

"The usual engagements so repeatedly recorded during the past weeks, which are merely every-day occurrences in the normal course of modern warfare, raids, patrol encounters, artillery duels and disturbing influence on the general situation."

"Any discussion of the military position in the west must be confined to the analysis of the minor engagements which amounts to a speculative discussion as to their significance. This, in the present stage of the war, is of doubtful value."

"The preparation of our forces in France for the ordeal of battle is being steadily pursued."

"General Pershing reports the health and fighting spirit of his men extremely good."

"Owing to the intensely cold weather which has prevailed along the entire western front, operations have been impeded, though the terrain in Flanders and Artois normally muddy and waterlogged, has been frozen which will facilitate operations as soon as clear weather returns."

Power Bill Introduced

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—The administration's water-power bill, creating a federal commission to control water-power development, was introduced in the house Tuesday by Representative Raker of California.

WORK AND ABILITY BRING LIEUTENANCY



Lieutenant E. Bruce Schumann

STATE HAS VALUABLE FLAX FIBER SUPPLY PREPARED FOR MARKET

Suit of ex-Superintendent Robt. Crawford Against Governor Now Pending for Trial.

Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—The state board of control has received an offer of 574 cents a pound for the best grade of flax fiber produced by the state flax plant at the penitentiary.

It is reported that there is now on hand at the penitentiary, ready for market, 41 bales or 22,960 pounds, of this grade of fiber. This amount, if sold at the price now offered, would bring \$13,202.

In addition to this there is on hand, ready for market, 16 bales, or 4,900 pounds, of fine tow, the market price for which is 25 cents a pound, and 130 bales or 42,360 pounds of coarse tow, the market price for which is eight cents a pound. The present value of the fine and coarse tow ready for market, at these figures, is \$4,580.

This makes a total value of flax product ready for market of \$17,782.

Harvested by Crawford

This flax comes from that which was harvested and retted by Robert Crawford, flax superintendent, recently discharged by Governor Withycombe.

When Crawford presented his claim to the governor for the bonus of \$30 a month, which the state agreed to pay him if he made a financial profit of the flax business, he estimated the value of the better grade of fiber at 50 cents a pound. Figured at his estimated value, the state stood to make a profit of approximately \$30,000 as a result of Crawford's work, and with the advancing price of flax this sum is increased.

The suit brought by Crawford against Governor Withycombe to compel him to allow his claim for the promised bonus, is pending in the circuit court of Marion county. Attorney General Brown, who is representing the governor, says he is waiting the return of State Treasurer Kay, a member of the state board, before he agrees to a date for presentation of the case. Mr. Kay, who went east as a representative of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to investigate various processes in connection with flax manufacture, is expected home in 10 days or two weeks.

Woman Spy Suspect Admits Activities

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—"The United States had no right to go against Germany. I want to see Germany win the war and I want to see the United States lose. I am not afraid to be shot and I am not afraid of anything that they may do to me."

With these words Mrs. Elizabeth Gustorf, arrested at Hanford and brought here for examination as an alleged German spy, admitted spying activities dating since May, 1917, according to government agents today. They said she made a statement of her activities to army intelligence officers. She refused to implicate anyone and did not reveal the source of letters, regarding alleged spying activities, found in her possession. Officials question her sanity.

Executive Clemency Decreases Sentence

Camp Lewis, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—The first offender at camp to benefit from executive clemency as extended by President Wilson is Lieutenant Joseph H. Conroy, charged with desertion on the Mexican border, while an officer of the Arizona national guard. Lieutenant Conroy was tried before a court-martial board two months ago, and his sentence fixed at six years in the disciplinary barracks. The findings of the court were sent to Washington, D. C. for confirmation as is required in the case of all officers, and the president decreased the sentence to two years in the United States disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., with a dishonorable discharge and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

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Lieutenant Ernest Bruce Schumann Took Advantage of Opportunities Offered Him.

ENLISTED IN ARMY MAY 8

Former Foreman of Hawthorne Dock Writes of Experiences to Drake C. O'Reilly.

How a man can advance to a high position in the army by showing his ability and applying himself to his tasks is shown in the case of Ernest Bruce Schumann, a Portland boy, who enlisted as a private a few months ago and is now a lieutenant in the Thirty-fourth aerodrome squadron.

Writing to Drake C. O'Reilly, steamboat owner of this city and former employer of the young man, Lieutenant Schumann gives an interesting account of his experiences. Schumann was employed by Mr. Reilly as manager of the Hawthorne dock. He is now on active duty with the American expeditionary force in France.

Army Life Found Busy

"I had intended before this to write you a brief chronicle of my experiences since joining the service," writes Schumann. "But it has been such a continuous struggle from the first that I have waited for a favorable opportunity. This is it."

"I wrote you when I enlisted, May 8, at San Francisco. I was shipped over to Fort McDowell on Angel Island, together with hundreds of other recruits from all walks of life. There we were outfitted and taught the first rudiments of a soldier's profession, and after a lapse of about 10 days I, with several hundred other 'rookies,' was shipped to Fort Sam Houston, at San Antonio, Texas. There I was assigned to the big aviation field, known as Camp Kelly, on the outskirts of the city."

Opportunity Opens Arms

"At that time recruits were pouring in so rapidly that the existing army organization could not handle us properly and so our experiences were many and varied. You can imagine, maybe, what it meant to turn over 5000 raw recruits, from all walks of life, into a large canvas camp with only the flimsiest sort of an organization to handle them. I was exceptionally hard for the men who had never roughed it and very disagreeable for those who had."

"However, it was an unusual opportunity for some of us who had had experience in handling men, as we very soon found ourselves in responsible positions, handling the various improvised units, consisting of 150 men and called at that time provisional squadrons."

Advancement Was Rapid

"All this time, however, the regular organizations were expanding rapidly and before long had the situation well in hand, and when this finally occurred, the few of us who had used our initiative, found ourselves at the top and in most instances were confirmed and advanced in rank by the regular army officers, who took command of the squadrons. So that is how I advanced from a raw recruit to a sergeant, then to a sergeant, first class, so rapidly."

"We were exceptionally fortunate in our commander who, besides being a splendid pilot, was also a fine cavalry officer, and has since been made a major in the command of a big American field force. He soon whipped the squadron into shape and turned over a great deal of work to me, which enabled me to learn many army methods. This was of great value to me later."

Flying Game Wins Heart

"He also took me flying with him a great deal, as I seem adapted to work and in that way I passed through everything in the flying game, from straight flying to a tall spin, and I can truthfully say it is the greatest game I ever played. I am very keen about it."

"Finally the day came when we were ordered to serve as a cavalry unit and again I was in great luck, for instead of a transport we came in a crack Atlantic liner, and due to my grade, I had a second class cabin and ate in the first class saloon, with real live English waiters on the job."

"Instead of going straight here I was detached to serve as sergeant major at the American headquarters in London, and after 10 weeks of that was recommended for a commission as first lieutenant and forwarded here for examination. I have just passed it successfully and am now waiting for confirmation from Washington. When that arrives I will be assigned to duty and get down to work in earnest."

Bumper Wheat Crop Assured, Prediction

Chicago, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—The snowstorm which has tied up the industries of the middle west may not be such a disaster after all.

Professor Eugene Davenport, dean of the Agricultural college of Illinois, declares the blizzard may help the United States with the heavy fall of snow, he says, will insure a bumper crop of winter wheat and may keep America and her allies from seven wheatless days a week.

Four Snow Shovelers Killed

Chicago, Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Their ears muffled to protect them from the cold four snow shovelers clearing the Northwestern railroad tracks here failed to hear an approaching engine and were run down and killed.

Spy Suspect Hanged; Lynching Suspected

Tuma, Ariz., Jan. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Federal authorities Tuesday were tracing activities of August Matt, suspected German spy, whose lifeless body was found hanging from a tree at Gadsden, four miles from the Mexican border. Matt's pockets were \$1455 in currency and a deposit book on a Wallace, Idaho, bank showing \$9427 on deposit.

The fact that the German's hands were tied behind him has led to the theory that unidentified persons, having knowledge of his alleged operations, lynched him.

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