

# The Secret Battle

Two American Officers Join the German "Council of Five" in Spain, Enter Germany by Submarine from San Sebastian to Kiel and Secure the Plans of the Last Drive on Paris, after the British and French Had Declared it Impossible to Obtain Them.

Von Hindenburg and the German High Command Cleverly Deceived by the Pretended Deserters—A Thrilling Adventure that Leads to the Defeat of the Boche and the Signing of the Armistice—The Story of the Two Mysterious Prisoners Sent from France to the Military Intelligence Staff in Washington in July Last.

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## PART I. FOREWORD

UNITED STATES ARMY CABLEGRAM

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Secretary of War, Washington:  
"Two German prisoners on transport sailing today consigned to Intelligence Staff, Washington."—BASH.

The above quotation is just a line from an army cablegram announcing the sailing of a transport and list of those on board. Many newspapers carried this dispatch and, on arrival of the ship, there was printed many speculative references to these mysterious prisoners and why they were sent to America.

Behind this incident lay one of the most thrilling stories of the entire war, which is here related to put an end to all speculation in references to these German officers—who were prisoners only for their own protection—and to give the American people some interesting information in reference to the part played by the secret service of their army in the final defeat of the Central Powers and in bringing about the quite generally unexpected termination of the world war by the signing of the armistice in November, 1918.

While Germany was defeated, there is no doubt but that her espionage service is still in full vigor. For fear that, even now, they may be plotting vengeance for the coup which contributed so much to their defeat, names are purposely omitted from this narrative. In all military intelligence work, the only reward for those who conceive desperate plans of action in great emergencies and carry them out at imminent risk to themselves is the consciousness of tasks well done and of the many lives saved by their personal disregard of the dangers involved.

Here, then, is the true story of the two German prisoners and of the two American officers who fought the secret battle that enabled Marshal Foch to save Paris from capture and end the war:

### CHAPTER I

**The Council of Generals.**  
An old chateau, built in the 15th century stands in the heart of a forest in northern France. Cold and gloomy indeed it looked on that rainy day in May, 1918, when allied commanders gathered there for one of the most important and serious conferences of the war, its drear bleakness well fitting the moods of the men whom the world had charged with the task of saving it from the menace of Prussianism. These generals had been called from the battle grounds of Belgium, from the blood-soaked fields of Flanders, from the French fronts then withstanding the terrific attacks of the Boche, and even from the training divisions of the American army in the Toul sector. The Germans were at this time

making their great drive on Paris which had begun in March. Every effort was being made to stop this advance, but opposition only seemed to make them more determined to reach their goal before the strength of the American army could be thrown into the balance against them. There was a feeling amongst some of the higher officials of the allied armies that if Paris fell, both the Americans and English would be swept into the Atlantic ocean, and war, with all its horror, would become a reality on the soil of Britain and in the United States. No one knew just what the French would do if their beloved Paris should be captured by the Germans. Many believed that the fall of Paris would be the signal for the French to sue for peace. And, as expressed

by one of the American generals:—"If Paris falls we will soon be up to our necks in the Bay of Biscay, yelling for ships to come and take us home."

If the French asked for a separate peace, England would be forced to do her fighting on her own island. A decisive German victory in France and the capture of Paris would give Germany the bases which she so greatly needed to successfully attack England, both by submarines and through the air. In this event England would soon be brought to her knees, while the United States, even with its unlimited resources, would be obliged to fight for its very existence. Such then, was the situation which confronted these devoted commanders on that fateful day when they gathered for a conference at the old chateau to devise ways and means to meet this dire situation.

Each one of these general officers had come to the conference prepared to advance plans whereby they first hoped to stem the tide of the Prussian hordes, and then to complete their defeat after they had been stopped. The success of all their plans, however, hinged upon accurate knowledge of the German tactics—where the next attack would be made and the strength and morale of the troops. This intelligence was not available. The plans submitted, therefore, were considered and ultimately rejected because of lack of that reliable information which only could justify the adoption of any one of them.

"Gentlemen," said Marshal Foch, "it is absolutely necessary that we anticipate the moves of the Germans. I have sent my best men into Germany and they have failed. Only yesterday news came through that the man in whom I had placed my greatest dependence had been captured and shot within an hour after he had penetrated into their lines."

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We cannot secure the information we must have in this way. Attending this conference was a Colonel R., the officer in charge of the intelligence work on General Pershing's personal staff. He said in reply to Marshal Foch:

"While I do not desire to discredit anyone, I am convinced that I have the very men in my service who can penetrate into the German lines and secure the desired information. One of these men has been most successful in this work and was in Spain for us during the entire Spanish-American war. I am confident that we will be successful in securing the needed information if we are granted permission to try."

At this time the Americans had not won the place in the hearts of the allies which they were so soon destined to win. Chateau-Thierry had not been fought and many believed that the Americans were just braggarts who could not fight, or be depended upon when it came to actual battle.

Unfortunately this accusation was seemingly based on good grounds; and, in consequence of this, we had in all probably lost not only friends, but also prestige in the eyes of the allies. American soldiers who had just arrived in France had been heard to say to both French and English:

"You folks just watch us! We will show you how to finish this war! You have been at it for four years and cannot stop it! You just watch us finish it up quick!"

Such boasting, even if sustained by future events, was a mistake; and, by those who had endured four years of struggle, was not understood. Our standing was injured and our motives were questioned because our men openly declared their individual intention to win in characteristic American fashion. When our chief expressed his belief in our ability to secure the desired information, an unrecurrent of indifference, even of derision, was plainly noticeable among the French, English and other generals, which could only mean that once again they thought the Americans were indulging in their game of bluff.

After two days of conference no headway had been made. A careful analysis of each plan proved the more convincingly how impossible it was for these officers to settle upon any definite campaign without some absolute knowledge of the German plans. As a last resort—a forlorn hope, as it were—they decided to give the American intelligence staff an opportunity to either secure this information, or back down.

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Vic. Berger must be familiar with the boot by this time.

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Next Tuesday evening, February 10, Professor Davidson will present the high school musical department in concert. This year the department consists of band, orchestra and glee club. As an added attraction several soloists will appear at the concert.

The 39 high school band members, were about half beginners at the first of the year but the organization is now one of the best in the state. It is composed of seven cornets, seven clarinets, three saxophones and two piccolos, two bass

three altos, one tenor, two trombones and drums. The glee club of about 40 is doing fine work this year and there is no question that those who attend the concert will enjoy the selections.

The high school orchestra is the most advanced organization in musical lines in the high school. Their work is of fine quality. The instrumentation of the orchestra is six violins, three cornets, cello, three clarinets, two horns (one piccolo, piano, drums and bass viol).

Among the soloists who appear are Joanna James, soprano; Marian Emmons, violin; Avery Hicks, cello; Ira Cave, cornet; Bullock and Allen, xylophones, and Turfield Echindler, readings.

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