

# The Secret Battle

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

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

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PART II

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

In May, 1918, the German drive on Paris was sweeping the Allied forces before it. General Foch called a conference of allied generals in Northern France, where he stated that there was no chance of stopping the boche unless some exact information as to their plans could be obtained. This seemed impossible, as the most competent men of the French and British military intelligence departments who had penetrated the enemy lines had been detected and shot. General Pershing's chief of military intelligence stated he believed that men who could enter the German lines, secure the necessary information and escape with it. After two days' deliberation permission was given the Americans to make the attempt.

An American major was selected for this work. Under pretense that he had embezzled battalion funds, he was arrested at Henday, a French town on the Spanish border. He made his escape and reached San Sebastian, Spain. Here he was approached by an American renegade who offered him in contact with German secret agents. He joined them and they assigned him—first the rescue of a German prince whom the Americans had captured and held for execution as a spy; and, second, the procurement of the plans of the Liberty motor.

The major was provided with a large sum of money and a passport that would enable him to travel anywhere in France, the major was sent to Paris, where he met fellow officers and planned with them the "rescue" of the condemned prince to more effectively ingratiate himself into the confidence of the German secret service.

An American chief of intelligence staff finds that the sentence of the prince has been approved and that American officials are to publish the sentence and execute the Kaiser's relative.

The prince is "rescued" by the major and officers of the American secret service and is taken to San Sebastian. Saving the prince from execution gives the major a high place in the confidence of the Germans.

CHAPTER VII.

Plans of Liberty Motor.

(Continued from Last Sunday)

The major proved to the group that he was honest in his protestations of loyalty to help the German cause, and that he regarding the Liberty motor. The major replied:

"I can get the plans without difficulty. When I was in Paris I met a man who is connected with the motor and one who knows all about the Liberty motor. I am sure I can buy him if I am supplied with funds for that purpose."

"Probably so," replied the leader. "Your sudden disappearance from town where His Highness confined will connect you with

his escape; consequently you cannot return as you did before."

"No, I do not believe they are clever enough to connect me with the escape. At least, I can go over in a different disguise and try it."

While this conversation was taking place, the prince entered the room. When he learned what it was all about, he turned to the leader and said:

"Meyer, I do not want my friend here to take any more risks. I am under a life-long obligation to him and I desire the opportunity to repay the debt."

"There is no danger," replied the major. "I want just one more try at them, anyway, and then I will be content to go with you. I can take good care of myself." And so it was finally decided that the major should

have his one more chance for revenge on the Americans.

Realizing that the American troops might be on the lookout for him, the major decided to return to France, this time in the guise of an enlisted man. The crossing, of course, had to be made secretly. Arrangements were made by the leader for a friendly Spaniard to act as guide. When a suitable night came, with the guide's assistance, the major started to cross over into France.

It was a miserable night and so dark that it was impossible for the major to see the guide five feet in front of him. The rain came down in torrents and the mountain trail was soon turned into a raging brook. Slipping and sliding around in the darkness most of the time with the water up to their knees, and in imminent danger of falling down the side of the mountain, they finally made the crossing.

When daylight came, the major once more stood on French soil. Hiding by day and traveling on freight trains by night, he succeeded in reaching Paris; and there, escaping the notice of the military police, he made his way to the hotel where the other American officers in the enterprise were awaiting him.

The major was greeted with great acclaim for the others were beginning to fear something had gone wrong with their plans. He gave them a detailed explanation of the situation as it had shaped itself since he had fled from the prison with the German, and told them that to further the work he would have to be supplied with plans and coached on Liberty motors. Realizing that not one of the four knew enough about motors to successfully pass himself

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off as an expert, it was deemed necessary to add a fifth man from the motor corps to those already working on the great problem.

Captain "E" was the one finally chosen. After carefully checking up his record both with his organization and with the Central Records Office, the chief asked for his detail to his department. Much to the captain's surprise and disgust, he received an order to report at once for special duty.

On his arrival the chief took Captain "E" into his confidence and told him why he had had him detailed to the intelligence department. The captain was fully informed of the dangers of the undertaking and told that if he was captured it would inevitably mean a brick wall and a firing squad at sunrise. Like all true Americans, however, the captain never flinched at the risks and was eager to join in the adventure.

The next move was for the captain to secure blue prints and plans of some motor that would fool the Germans into believing that they had the details of the real Liberty motor.

"I know of just the motor," said the captain. "Only yesterday I received the plans of a new twelve-cylinder motor that has been sent over here for a tryout under war conditions. I can obtain the plans of this one and the boche will never know the difference."

The plan as then worked out, was for the two officers to return to Spain and there the captain was to so confuse the "Group of Five" with his technical descriptions that they would see the necessity of sending him to Germany with the blue prints. The plan was checked and rechecked to avoid the possibility of a slip up, and the major and the captain prepared to go to Spain.

Leaving Paris on a night train, traveling as an officer and his orderly, the two officers made their way to Pau. As their reason for being there, they stated they were hunting deserters and intended to carefully search the entire country between Pau and the Spanish border. At length, working their way up into the mountains, they one day quietly passed over the frontier into Spain, making their way to the "Group of Five" at San Sebastian.

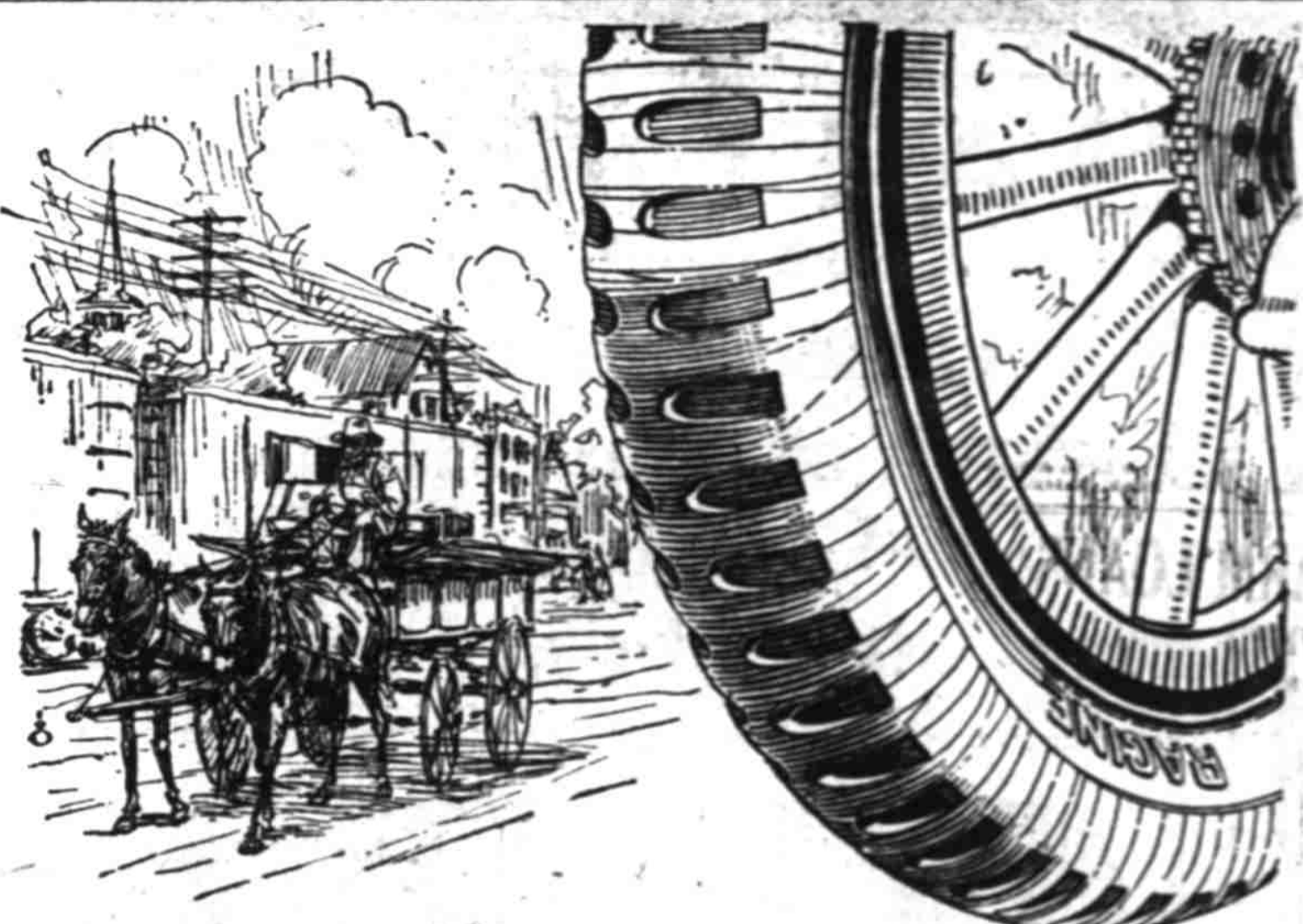
The captain, in describing the motor to these men, soon succeeded in so confusing them that they realized that the only hope of the German High Command ever understanding the motor lay in sending the captain to Germany. And that is exactly what they suggested. The captain, however, refused to go unless the major accompanied him.

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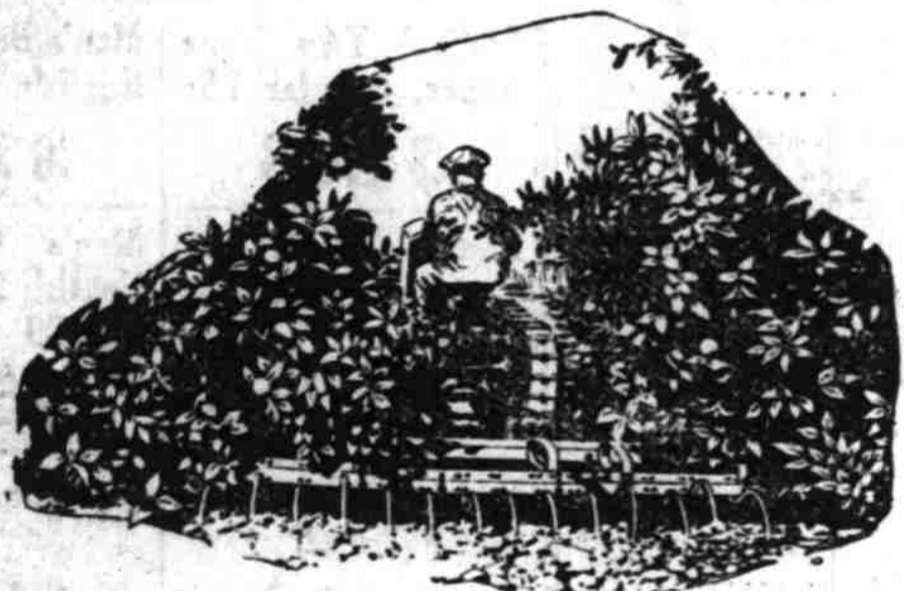
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**Silverton Tribune Is Sold to Minnesota Man**

SILVERTON, Ore., March 20.—(Special to The Statesman)—Henry E. Brown, who has been editor of The Silverton Tribune for the last five years, has sold the newspaper to F. B. Kottak of Maro, Minn. Mr. Kottak will take over the business April 1st.

Mr. Brown has not announced his plans but it is reported that he will probably remain in the newspaper business.

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### Theater at Silverton Goes Out of Business

SILVERTON, Ore., March 20.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Palace theatre which has been under the management of F. H. Turner for sometime, went out of business Thursday night. Mr. Turner will keep the theater open for the vaudeville acts he has listed until April at which time his lease expires.

Mr. Turner has purchased a store at Woodlan, Ore., where he will move his family. He will take charge of the store March 22.

### Another Realty Transfer Made by Silverton Men

SILVERTON, Ore., March 20.—(Special to The Statesman)—Not to be outdone by Elmer Olsen, his competitor druggist, who recently purchased the Brown building, George W. Stulhammer has closed a deal with J. Smith, making the Smith building his. The building is now

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