

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 Deserter—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 IV

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

An American major, detailed to penetrate the German lines to secure information in reference to the Enemy's plans for the great drive on Paris, is arrested as "an embezzler and deserter" at Henday, France. He "escapes" and reaches San Sebastian in Spain, where his reputation leads him to be solicited to join the German secret service. He accepts the offer made him and is ordered to first rescue a German prince whom the American army holds under sentence of death as a spy, and then to procure the plans of the Liberty motor.

The prince is "rescued" that the major's position with the German spy system may be made as strong as possible. A captain in the aviation corps, who is an expert on aeroplane motors, is detailed to work with him as "a deserter who has stolen the plans of the Liberty motor."

The captain so confused the "Group of Five" in San Sebastian that the German prince suggests that the two Americans be sent to Kiel with him on a submarine that the captain may explain the plans to the High Command. This is done and they arrive in Kiel after all are nearly killed and the sub-sea boat destroyed by the explosion of a depth bomb launched from a British destroyer.

The major and captain are kept in Kiel but a short time under the care of a Captain Schmidt, who never loses an opportunity to covertly insult them. They are sent to Coblenz to be questioned by the German High Command. Before they leave, the remark of a German general convinces the major that they are to be murdered as soon as they divulge all they know. The major understands German but has pretended he does not, in this way learning many things that would otherwise have escaped him.

In Coblenz they are quartered in a hotel and are approached by two women living there, whom they suspect are members of the German secret service. They gain the confidence of these women, who tell them the Germans are not sure of them and that they are to be killed after they have given the German general staff all the information they possess.

The officers stick to their story and convince the women that they are really American deserters with a price on their heads. The women report that they are what they claim to be. The next morning they leave Coblenz for General von Hindenburg's headquarters.

CHAPTER XVI

ESCAPE OF THE AMERICANS

(Continued from Last Sunday.)

The two German colonels, suggesting that they would take the two American officers up to the front where they could be quietly put out of the way, succeeded in securing the needed permission to proceed to the front line trenches. To assist them, Captain Schmidt was sent along, although both of the colonels protested against it as far as they dared.

Everything progressed according to plans. After bidding the two women farewell, the party started for Metz. The two colonels had provided themselves with proper papers, and the journey was completed without difficulty. The next night found the entire party established in that town. At daylight one of the colonels went forward to reconnoitre the front to find a point where they could cross over. After two days of searching, he returned and reported that he had discovered just the place.

The next question was what to do with Captain Schmidt. He was not in the plot to escape and he was not the kind of a man that any of the others cared to take into their confidence.

"I have a way out of that difficulty," said the major. "Let him go in to the front line with us. I will attend to him when the time comes. I owe him a great deal for his studied insults and before I go across I want to repay him."

The next afternoon, the entire party made their way into the front line trenches. By careful maneuvering, they arrived near midnight at the place that had been selected to make the attempted escape to the American lines. There were only two soldiers on guard there. When the colonel ordered them to go to their dugouts, they went without question. Then came the final act in the drama.

Realizing that if they attempted to cross while Captain Schmidt was alive he would at once give the alarm, it was decided that the time had come to settle all scores with him. He was quietly seized and as quickly silenced. When the party passed over the top, the major remarked:

"He will never insult another man."

Then the four noiselessly made their way over the top. Working through the barbed wire entanglements they were soon swallowed up in the darkness. All was moving as planned, when a cry arose behind them in the German trenches. A passing patrol had stumbled over the body of Captain Schmidt.

Star shells were sent up and the four officers were forced to keep close to the ground and not move. Then both sides began to shell No Man's Land, and the lives of the four were in great danger. After a time, the sector quieted down. When morning dawned the four-out there in No Man's Land were safely sheltered in a shell hole.

Here they remained all day, not daring to show themselves to either side. They realized the Germans were trying to locate them with field glasses, so they could prevent them from gaining their objective, for by this time it had dawned on the boche that he had been tricked.

When darkness finally closed in again it was decided that one of the Americans should make his way to the Allied trenches and arrange for the others to come in without the danger of the alarm. Both the captain and the major drew lots to see who would undertake this dangerous trip. The major drew the shorter, so with a handshake and a whispered "good luck," he stepped out of the shell hole and, crawling along, finally came to a listening post of the Americans.

Creeping up, he whispered: "Do not shoot! I am an American officer who has been a prisoner in Germany!" He crawled over the top and into the trench.

He was immediately seized. He was in civilian clothes, and the men were for shooting him as a spy then and there. Finally convincing them that they would ruin everything if they did not take him to their commanding officer, they tied his hands behind his back and took him to the colonel who was in command of that section. Here he told a part of his story and arranged to return to the shell hole and bring in the rest.

The return trip was even more dangerous. When the major realized that without doubt the Germans had

searching parties out in No Man's Land hunting for them. He finally succeeded, however, in finding the others. Before the sun rose in the east, all four were on their way to the American General Headquarters. At headquarters the major and the captain were hailed with shouts of joy. They had been in Germany four weeks, unable to get any word out, and had been given up for dead. After the story was told and the German colonels had been promised that whatever arrangements the major had made with them would be carried out, they turned over their plans and information. To enable Marshal Foch to more quickly utilize this valuable military intelligence, they were sent to him under escort. The major and the captain were given a leave of absence.

The world knows the result—how Marshal Foch suddenly shifted his methods of attack and within two months had the entire German army in full retreat.

The major and the captain, however, were deprived of any participation in the final victory, for while on the train en route to the rear area, they were taken ill with pneumonia brought on by the nervous strain and exposure while in the enemy land.

When that memorable day came on which the armistice was signed, the two American officers were once more fighting for their lives and once again, in their delirium, living over their recent thrilling experience.

With the ultimate disposition of the two German colonels who were the two mysterious prisoners of war sent to the United States in July last, or with the names of those who accomplished the seemingly impossible task of securing the information which enabled Marshal Foch to so speedily terminate the war, the public should not concern itself. It is sufficient to say that through the efforts of these two American officers the war was more speedily brought to a close.

THE END.

Silk Mask Bandit Killed



James J. Harrigan, known as the silk mask bandit, was killed in a fight with the police in Chicago. Twelve trunks full of jewelry and \$100,000 worth of furs, all stolen, were found in his store.

Breaks Six World's Records



Tommy Milton, in his sixteen-cylinder racer, has set six new world's records. He lowered his own record for the half mile to 0:11.86 and for a mile to 0:23.56, besides which he took from De Palma the one kilometer record, making it in 0:14.65, and the three miles in 1:12.13, four miles in 1:36.14 and five miles in 2:00.04.

Test in Judging Good Cooks.—The real superiority of a good cook lies not so much in making fancy or inexpensive, every-day dishes, and in the skillful combination of flavors. The appetizing dishes a good cook can make out of the cheaper cuts of meats or of meat "left-overs" are almost endless. More skill and time are required in their preparation than in the simple cooking of the more expensive cuts, just as more time and skill are required for careful intelligent marketing than for haphazard ordering. Once upon a time some housekeepers seemed to have a prejudice against economizing. Today most of them are glad to have suggestions for economical methods which will insure the com-

fort of the family and keep the meals as varied and appetizing as when they cost more. A good housekeeper, the United States Department of Agriculture suggests, should take as much pride in setting a good table at a low price as a manufacturer does in lessening the cost of production in his factory.

His Idea of Wilson. Bob Watkins is a veteran Washington correspondent for a Tennessee newspaper and a Democrat of the old school. He has been out of patience with the present Democratic administration for some time, notwithstanding he left his lifetime profession for a few months to take a

job with the government and spent the time in Chicago.

Just after the Wilson-Lansing episode, Watkins was asked by a friend at the Ebbitt house what he thought of President Wilson's conduct in the affair.

"I knew when he got better he'd get worse," replied Watkins.

The census figures show that the population of cities everywhere is increasing in various degrees. Some of this gain may be accounted for by the birth rate, but not all. Means that millions of Americans are crowding into the cities from the suburban districts. And the symptom is a discouraging one.



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Toe, welt sole, bal lace, \$6.99

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\$3.49

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\$4.48

\$6.50 Boys' Brown Calf Lace, English last, sizes 1 to 6, \$4.89

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