

SPOERMANN IS ARRESTED AS GERMAN SPY

INFATUATION FOR HOTEL VIOLINIST LEADS TO DETECTION BY SECRET SERVICE

BROTHER IN BALTIMORE JAIL

Other Suspects in Custody and Reports Indicate That More Arrests Will Soon Follow

Baltimore, Jan. 16.—Lieutenant Walter Spoermann, charged with being a German spy, arrested on the aviation field near Norfolk last week was brought to Baltimore last night. He was rushed from the railroad station to the United States marshal's office and thence to jail.

Two hours prior to his arrival, his brother, Frederick H. C. Spoermann, who was arrested here Monday, was sent to jail also.

Another man, Marius Arch of this city, was taken into custody and there was considerable activity at the federal offices with rumors that other suspects were being bagged.

Arch held some papers belonging to Lieutenant Spoermann. He himself gave the information to the police. The papers were seized, but little, apparently, of incriminating nature, was found in them. There is a vast amount of secrecy among the government officials as to the number of persons arrested in connection with the case, though reports indicate seven or eight are in custody. The woman whose friendship with Spoermann led to his apprehension at Norfolk is not under arrest. It was through Spoermann's fascination for her that he was traced from Baltimore to Washington and finally located in Newport News. She was a violinist in a Washington hotel and Spoermann was a frequent communicator with her.

Baltimore, Jan. 16.—United States Attorney Dennis declares he did not believe Walter Spoermann, alleged German spy, arrested near Newport News aviation depot, guilty of anything more serious than violating the rules for the movement of enemy aliens.

FRENCH TROOPS IN GERMAN TRENCHES

Berlin, Jan. 16.—French troops, after several hours preparation, delivered an attack in the vicinity of Badonviller in the Vosges region and temporarily penetrated the German front trenches, is announced from army headquarters.

PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT LIBERTY LOAN

Portland, Jan. 16.—The executive board of the Liberty loan committee of Oregon have been meeting to discuss plans for the management of the next loan. A conference of the general committee for the Twelfth federal reserve district will be held in San Francisco, January 15 and 16.

Edward Cookingham, chairman of the executive committee, and A. L. Mills will represent Oregon at this conference, at which the campaign for the next Liberty loan on the Pacific coast will be outlined. Methods used in Portland during the second Liberty loan were so successful that it is considered likely there will be little change in the manner of conducting the coming campaign in this city and state.

STOP BUSINESS TO SAVE FUEL

Saturday, Sunday and Monday Business Will Close for Two Weeks to Save Coal

Washington, Jan. 16.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today directed that, beginning tomorrow, all manufacturing plants east of the Mississippi river, and Minnesota and Louisiana, except those producing food, shall close down for a five-day period.

Des Moines, Jan. 16.—There will be a cessation of industrial and business activities Saturday, Sunday and Monday for two weeks, throughout Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, to effect the coal saving proposed by the fuel administration.

STEAMSHIP TEXAN IS REPORTED SAFE

New York, Jan. 16.—The American Hawaiian steamship line has been notified by the navy department that the steamship Texan, reported two days ago as sinking, is safe.

Later reports indicate the Texan was damaged by collision. The crew is safe.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The fate of the American Hawaiian steamship Texan, reported in a wireless message Monday as sinking somewhere off the coast remained a sea mystery at an early hour today. Officials of the company had received no further information about the vessel which is presumed to have been the victim of a collision. They were confident, however the crew of 43 had been rescued by other vessels which had proceeded on their voyage.

THOUSAND OFFICERS RETURN WAR MEDALS

London, Jan. 16.—An appeal is being circulated among mutilated German officers and soldiers having the iron cross, asking them to return the crosses as a protest against the fact that a number of "home warriors" and leaders of the Fatherland party are wearing the same insignia, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. There has been a large response, 1,300 crosses from Berlin alone being sent to the war minister the first day the appeal appeared.

MAKING OF SUBMARINE CHASERS TO BE STOPPED

Washington, Jan. 16.—Although the submarine chaser program of the navy department has been delayed by slow delivery of engines, it will be completed by March 1. No more are to be built as they are regarded as useful for inshore work only.

STATE RAILWAY LAWS TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE

Washington, Jan. 16.—All state railway laws and regulations will remain in full force under government operation, is announced by Director McAdoo.

COAL FOR FAMILIES HAS RIGHT OF WAY

Washington, Jan. 16.—Coal for suffering families and war utilities has the right of way over the national railroad today.

Priority orders issued by Director General McAdoo declare that fuel must be supplied at critical points before any other kind of freight—food, munitions or anything else—is moved.

ATTEMPT ASSASSINATION OF BOLSHEVIKI PREMIER

Four Shots Are Fired Into Automobile Carrying Lenine to Meeting of Council of Peoples Commissaries—One Member of the Party Is Wounded

Petrograd, Jan. 16.—The automobile carrying Lenine, the Bolsheviki premier, was fired upon Monday night, when he was driving to a meeting of the council of people's commissaries. Four shots were fired. Lenine was unhurt, but, the bullets shattered the windows of the automobile. One member of the party was slightly wounded in the head. The attempt was made outside the hall where Lenine had addressed 8,000 members of the Red Guard, who were going to the front.

London, Jan. 16.—The political pot in Germany continues at full boil, with the militaristic element in the ascendancy. Notwithstanding the seeming impasse that has arisen

GERMAN BOMB IS FOUND AT DRY DOCK

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 16.—A metal tube, resembling a bomb, has been found beside the dry dock, in the navy yard here. It is about six inches long and had a fuse attached. Written on it in German was, "This is 25 second explosive bomb." Officials refused further details.

STOLEN ARMY FUNDS FOUND IN BARRACKS

Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 16.—The money taken from the army bank by Captain Whisler has been found hidden in the walls of his quarters at the barracks, where he had prepared a place for it. It amounted to over \$62,000.

Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 16.—An official check of the funds of the army bank of Camp Funston shows Captain Lewis Whisler stole \$62,826.21 when he robbed the bank last Friday night and killed four men with an axe and injured a fifth. The accounting is final and was given out at division headquarters.

STRAHORN SYSTEM NOT SEEKING AID

Portland, Jan. 16.—President Robert E. Strahorn of the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway company, returned today from Klamath Falls, where he has been supervising construction work on his road. Mr. Strahorn denies a report that he has applied to the government for financial assistance in building the Oregon, California & Eastern road and states that he has no intention of doing so at this time.

"It is true that money for my enterprise is hard to get, but the government is too busy with matters of infinitely greater importance at this time and I would not think of adding to the burden resting upon the shoulders of Washington officials. I believe that the people of Oregon realize the importance of this railroad to the development of the vast resources of the state and will finance the road and put it in operation."

Mr. Strahorn will remain in Portland several days before returning to Klamath Falls.

FOOD IS BURNED IN BROOKLYN

Half Million Dollars Worth of Government Food Is Destroyed in Half an Hour

New York, Jan. 16.—Fire in a Brooklyn warehouse filled with government food supplies today caused a loss of half a million dollars. Ice prevented the fire from getting in working distance. Incendiarism is reported.

HI GILL A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF MAYOR

Seattle, Jan. 16.—Hiram C. Gill, mayor of Seattle, today filed a declaration announcing his candidacy to succeed himself at the Seattle municipal election to be held in March.

OREGON MAN WOUNDED IN JERUSALEM FIGHT

Salem, Jan. 16.—Through authoritative channels information has reached here that Brigadier-General J. T. Wigan, D. S. O., of the British army, in civilian life a member of the English hop firm of Wigan and Richardson, which operates on a large scale in the Willamette valley with offices here, was seriously wounded in the taking of Jerusalem. The firm owns large hop yards near Independence.

General Wigan has been wounded three times since the outbreak of the war, and for distinguished service has been promoted to his present rank.

M'CUMBER PAINTS A GLOOMY PICTURE

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator McCumber today painted a gloomy picture of the United States' position, declaring that England is bearing the brunt of the war. He declared that America must send 5,000,000 troops to balance the manpower of the central powers and 7,000,000 to force the Germans to retreat.

TO EXEMPT MEN FROM DRAFT WHO PASS 31 YEARS

Washington, Jan. 16.—Secretary Baker advised the senate military committee today that the war department favors discharging from draft liability, men who have passed the age of 31 since registering, without having been called to the colors.

MANY FROM U. OF O. SERVING UNCLE SAM

Eugene, Jan. 16.—Of the 691 University of Oregon men now in the service, 154 are officers.

Highest rank is held by Colonel Creed C. Hammond, of the Oregon coast artillery, Major Raymond Barber and Major Condon C. McCornack. There are 24 captains, 87 first lieutenants, and 40 second lieutenants. Nearly all branches of the service are represented.

RESIGNATION HUNGARIAN REPORTED IN LONDON

London, Jan. 16.—The resignation of the Hungarian cabinet is reported.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE RESUMED NEXT MONDAY

Amsterdam, Jan. 16.—According to the Berlin Volks Zeitung, peace negotiations will be resumed at Brest-Litovsk next Monday.

ITALIANS HIT HARD BLOW AT HUN TRENCHES

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ENEMY COMPLETELY SURPRISED

Several Hundred Enemy, Including a Lieutenant Colonel, and Seven Other Officers Are Taken

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 16.—The Italians delivered an unexpected hammer blow last night against the positions on the heights just to the east of the Brenta river.

Heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy and several hundred prisoners were taken, including an Austrian Lieutenant-Colonel and seven other officers. The Italians likewise captured a large amount of war material.

London, Jan. 16.—"Early yesterday morning a strong hostile raid northeast of Armentieres was repulsed," the war office reports. "During last night we raided the enemy's trenches north of Lens, bombing his dugouts and securing some prisoners and a machine gun."

The following official report is regarding military operations in Palestine was made public:

"Despite adverse weather conditions, our air service within the past few days has executed bombing raids on the enemy airdrome at Jenin, 30 miles southeast of Haifa and on the Amman station on the Hedjaz railway 47 miles northeast of Jerusalem. In each case many hits on the objectives were observed. Two of our machines are missing.

"In the sector about Jerusalem there has been considerable patrol activity, notably around Bireh, nine miles north of the city; Mar Saba, 7 1/2 miles southeast; Jeba, 5 1/2 miles north-northeast and Mukhmas, 7 miles north-northeast. At the last mentioned locality our troops successfully raided an enemy post, clearing a village and returning with prisoners."

PNEUMONIA CAUSES MOST ARMY DEATHS

Washington, Jan. 16.—Pneumonia caused 149 of the 235 deaths reported among the national guardsmen and national army men training in this country during the week ending January 11. The weekly report of the division of field sanitation, made public last night, shows 88 guardsmen died during the week, as compared with 109 the week before, and 146 national army men as against 167 the previous week.

MANY PROMOTIONS AT CAMP LEWIS

Camp Lewis, Jan. 16.—Promotions fell here today like plums. Captain Guy Strohm, of Portland, was made a major; Lieutenant Frank Mount, of Oregon City, was made a captain. Three other captains and six lieutenants were promoted.

The "Benzine Board" sent several to their homes on the inactive list, following an examination into their qualifications as officers. Lieutenant Charles Andrus was sent home to Portland. No disgrace is attached to being placed on the inactive list.