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Two International Spies

By ETHEL HOLMES

Before the pan-European war we Americans supposed that our affairs did not interest other powers. Since then we have awakened to the fact that every government has a spy system within the territory of every other government. England, France, Italy and other powers keep secret service workers in other countries. Of all the Germans have the most perfect and extended organization. And yet some of the principal fields of the working of the German propaganda in America have originated with the British secret service men. While these systems may have been strengthened and enlarged since the opening of the war, there is reason to believe that they have always

Austria and Russia have always been watching each other on account of the persistent encroachment of the two on of the emperor of Austria regarding schemes to carve Austrian provinces girls, Maria, obtained a position as highway the road is more than 700 copyist in the Austrian foreign office. feet above the river. It is known as The other, Vera, kept house for the two in rooms in an apartment building. Since they were in the pay of the Russian government they did not want for anything.

Maria was under the orders of Caspar Grenthall, a man who conducted one of the bureaus of the department in which she worked. He was a hande and otherwise attractive man, and when he made love to her she reiprocated. When they were not engaged in the office he took her out to the gardens and other places of amusement and by his kindness gradually won her heart.

It was not long before Grenthall prosed marriage to Maria. Though she oved him, she hesitated to accept him. Indeed, his being a spy complicated

the affair, making her very unhappy.

Then suddenly Maria received a One day when she was at work a girl occupying a desk beside her slipped a bit of paper among those beher. Maria unfolded it and read that she was suspected of purloining a certain document that had passed through her hands. Grenthall had won her in order to find out if she were stealing such documents. Her room vould be searched that evening. Maria was not only disturbed at dis-

vering that Grenthall had deceived er, but in terror at the suspicion that existed against her. Either her life or a long imprisonment would pay the penalty. As soon as office hours were over she went to her room and told her sister what had occurred. She had stolen the paper in question, and it was concealed in their apartment. Taking it from his hiding place, she as thinking what to do with it when there was a sound of persons coming up the stairs without. She had only ne to thrust the paper into her om when the door was thrown open and in walked Grenthall, accompanied by several men. He made no apology or his entrance or for having played spy upon Maria. He and his men began a search of the rooms.

Evidently he had expected to surprise Maria and, if the missing paper as in her possession, to find it con cealed in her apartments. Not finding after a thorough search, it occurred to him that it might be on her person. He sent one of the men with him for a woman to make the search. When she arrived he told her to find out

whether Maria had the paper, him a look of anger, then, when the neck, sobbing piteously. While the two women were clasped in each other's arms, their bosoms close up at Washington against each other. Vera contrived to and slip it into her own.

Maria was the one suspected, but it where. Vera was with her sister. Maria was required to take off her clothes, which were carefully examtable. While her back was turned Vera contrived to slip the paper into a pocket of one of the garments that had been examined. Her sister saw her do this, and hope sprang up within her.

When the search was finished and nothing found the result was reported to Grenthall. Having done all he could in the matter, he withdrew his assistants and went away while Maria

The paper was a valuable one for the ussian government, and the sisters were anxious to save it. That night Vera, dressed as a boy, stepped out of the apartment and gained a lower suit without being noticed. The next morning, though a watch had been established, she got to the street and away without being recognized. Maria went to the foreign office, but was discharged. Had it been known instead of suspected that she was guilty she

would have been arrested. Vera succeeded in reaching Russia with the paper and was paid a large price for it. Her sister finally rejoined

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THE COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY

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GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT.

Road Skirts the Columbia River For a Distance of 150 Miles and Crosses the Cascade Mountains, Opening Up a Vast Territory to the East of the

When Portland, Ore., fires the gun that will witness the opening of the tenth annual rose festival, June 7, it will also be the signal for the world wide dedication of the famous Columbia River highway, the new roadway recently completed through the gorge the Balkans. Some years ago two Russian girls, sisters, went to Vienna as ing of the highway the gorge was imspies for the czar upon the intentions passable except by train or steamboat. The first forty miles of roadway cost nore than \$2,000,000, or an average of out of Balkan territory. One of these \$50,000 per mile. At one point on the



Crown Point, and a memorial to the of Oregon is now being erected.

The road was hard surfaced late in 1915, with the result that it is now open for tourist travel the year around. Recently the United States government set aside 14,000 acres from the Oregon national forest for recreation purposes. This land borders the highway and is a veritable fairyland, with its winding paths, waterfalls, fishing grounds and gorgeous scenery.

For miles the highway hangs to the up one of the grandest views of the kind in the world. Crown Point is a view thirty-five miles in either direction east or west of the Oregon and Washington shore lines of the Columbia river.

When the highway is dedicated June Maria, when the man who had won 7 it is expected prominent men and her heart to betray her entered, gave women from all over the country will be present. Governors of all states are searching began, fell upon her sister's being invited. The president and his cabinet will be urged to attend, as will representatives of foreign governments

An article in the American City has take the paper from her sister's bosom | this to say about the Columbia River

highway: The Cascade mountains in western was not to be expected that Vera would Oregon have hitherto constituted an be let off without examination. Be almost insuperable obstacle in the proplieving that she would be searched, er development of the state. While the she cast about for some means of get- faith of the Oregonians was not strong ting rid of the paper. She started to enough perhaps to remove these mountered the apartment, but Grenthall or tains, it was sufficient to conceive and dered her back. When the woman carry through the construction of a came she made the search in one of highway over them in a section requirthe bedrooms, the men remaining else- ing extremely difficult and skillful enobstacle has been considerably reduced for the inhabitants of northwestern ined by the searcher and laid upon a Oregon and southwestern Washington. Despite the mountainous barrier, Oregon has grown rapidly. A real demand had arisen for a roadway which would make the so called faland empire-that vast territory east of the Cascade range cessible by wagon or automobile to the people living in the region of Puget sound as well as those living over in the Willamette valley and in the lower Columbia basin. It is now possible for the first time in history to drive a wagon from the wheatfields of eastern

> The Columbia River highway skirts the Columbia river from Astoria, near its mouth, running through Portland and extending to Hood River, a small the highest type, and the tunnel in the face of the cliff at Mitchell Point, with sulted in much good and has made enthe concrete viaduet approaches, is considered one of the most wonderful cent of our people. This has resulted amous Axenstrasse of Switzerland.

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HIGHWAY EVOLUTION.

In a decade \$1,000,000,000 has been spent in highway construc-tion. Last year public bodies o spent at this work \$250,000,000. o This year it will be over \$300,000,- o 600. Before the coming of the o auto roads outside of city and o suburb were of the most primi- o tive character. National high- o ways were not thought of. State o appropriations for road work o were made and spent for politi- o cal purposes. The farmer had o to employ the railroads to carry o his freight a comparatively few o miles. Today he uses his mo- o tor truck or tractor or his horses

on well made roads. Congress and the interstate o commerce commission are in o duty bound to take cognizance o of the transformation and eco- o nomic revolution affecting all o forms of transportation. A re- o adjustment will come, but it will o take time. There must be an o evening up process.-Rochester

CONVICT ROAD LABOR.

Success In Other States Influences Kansas to Make the Experiment. One thousand miles of perfect road way have been constructed by Colo rado convicts in the past seven years. Colorado began to employ convicts on the roads in 1908. At first armed guards were used, but during the second summer the honor system was in-

troduced, and it is still in vogue. In 1915 the road operations were more extensive than ever, according to the report received by the national committee on prisons and prison labor from Warden Tynan,

"One of the most wonderful roads ever constructed in America has just been completed," Warden Tynan says. "after two years of blasting solid granite for eighteen miles along the Arkansas river. This opens up a splendid automobile highway from Kansas, up the Arkansas river to its source, over the 'continental divide' and to the Utah line.

"We have still another gang of men working in the Eagle river canyon or



this same route, and they have four years' work ahead of them. We are operating large power drills and steam shovels in our mountain work and heavy gasoline tractors and other ma-

chinery in our prairie camps."

Colorado convicts, in addition to the work, farm three large ranches, and next year a fourth ranch is to be added. From 50 to 60 per cent of the able bodled prisoners are employed out of

According to Governor Hunt of Arizona, convict road labor has been very successful in that state, where it has been on trial for three years. He says The plan of employing prisoners on highways, generally speaking, has worked out admirably in Arizona and now receives the hearty indorsement of those officials under whose immediate supervision the roads and bridges are built. It has proved to be both humane

and practical.' Kansas is just beginning to experient with convict labor by placing a hundred men from the state penitentiary and a hundred from the state renatory at work on building roads. It is planned to put only the most trustworthy men on road work. They will not be handcuffed or chained or kept in a barricade. They will be treated just as free labor. That is the way they are handled in Colorado.

Recently Kentucky adopted by a large majority a constitutional amendment permitting state prisoners to work outside the prison walls. This amendment permits Kentucky prisoners to be worked on the public roads.

Furnish Drags to Farmers. Business men at Trenton, Mo., ar ranged to furnish parts for the building of road drags, with the idea of developing the dirt roads in the county. "We have supplied approximately 15. 000 pounds of road drag fron free of Oregon through the Cascade range to charge to the farmers of the vicinity in the last year," says W. D. Stepp. secretary of the Trenton Commercial club. "The results that we have obtained are quite wonderful. I feel that we have the best county roads, gentown about 150 miles down the stream. erally speaking, of any county in the All steep and dangerous grades are state. This matter of co-operation beminated. The new construction is of tween the farmers and the townsmen thuslastic boosters out of a large per pieces of highway construction in ex- not only in better roads, but in better stence. It is said to be equal to the improved farms and all that goes with that sort of development.

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