

SYSTEM OF SPYING IN THE BIG CITIES

"Intelligence Officers" of Foreign Nations Are Busy.

SEEK SECRET INFORMATION

Most Active in Capital and Seaport Towns—Try to Find Out Moves of Other Nations and Make Efforts to Forestall Them—British Spy System Is the Finest.

Washington is honeycombed with nests of spies and so are the cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, San Francisco and other seaports, says the Washington Star.

There has been a rather complete system of espionage in Washington since the European war began. Heretofore intelligence officers of the various European governments have been more occupied in ascertaining the moves of each other than in ascertaining moves of the United States government. But it is believed now that some of this expert attention has been turned upon Washington activities, although, as an intelligence officer of a foreign nation put it:

"What's the use? Any possible opponent of the United States knows all about this country's affairs, that is desired to be known anyhow."

Little Secrecy in United States.

This remark recalls the fact that there has been very little secrecy about United States military affairs in years gone by, owing to the system of public hearings and the system of making public the information in regard to hearings on military affairs before congressional committees which has been in vogue in the United States.

Several years ago, when Major General W. W. Wotherspoon, U. S. A., retired, was chief of the war college, a Japanese prince visited the United States and was shown through the war college. Just before his arrival General Wotherspoon was showing a friend through the building and pointing out some of the systems in use, which, he said, he proposed showing the prince. General Wotherspoon's friend expressed surprise that such entirely complete courtesies should be placed at the disposal of the distinguished visitor. General Wotherspoon replied:

"Oh, well, the prince will know all about this anyhow before he gets here. The Japanese have a pretty good intelligence system."

Queer Happenings in Washington.

Queer things, however, have been happening in Washington the past few days. Splendid looking limousines of a character not used by ordinary messengers have been seen standing in numbers before the doors of European embassies as early as 6 o'clock in the morning, when the ordinary worker in Washington has hardly turned over for his last nap. Queer things also have been happening in connection with the use of the long distance telephones. These have come under the notice of observing persons, who have readily understood that the intelligence officers of various nations could give an explanation of them if they wanted to do so. It is proper to add, perhaps, that such explanations might be forthcoming from the department of investigation of the department of justice of the United States too.

The British intelligence system is believed to be the finest thing of its kind ever put into operation in the world. It is known to be in charge of Captain Guy Gaunt, R. N., the youngest captain in the British navy, an Australian, who is as much at home in the country houses of Long Island as he is in Washington. Captain Gaunt is described by those who know him as the ideal of the romantic type of modern intelligence officer, a man of indomitable energy, to whom could possibly be applied the old fashioned detective phrase, "He never sleeps."

Great Britain is watching out for the intelligence system for the allies on the eastern coast of the United States, and Japan is watching out on the western coast.

There is now a new officer in charge of the German intelligence system in the United States. He makes his headquarters in the office of a big German steamship company, a fact well known to the allied intelligence officers. The German system, however, is said to have met with some reverses recently. Cogs in the machinery have slipped, and it is said that the German system is not accomplishing as much as it did at the beginning of the war.

Spy's Real Name Disclosed.

When the spy Von der Goltz was arrested in Great Britain while trying to make his way back to Germany under a false name and a false American passport he was confronted in Great Britain with his real name, which is Wachermann, a name, it was said, that has not up to this time been known even to the department of justice. He heard it pronounced for the first time since he left Germany years before. Von der Goltz, it will be recalled, was known as Bridgman Taylor.

"Listening in" on telephones, on wireless, the hunting for tips and clues to codes, is going on all over Washington and the big seaports of the country.

Rubber Made From Fish.

Freshly caught sea fish are said to be the principal ingredient of an artificial rubber of Dutch invention.



Scene from act I, in the new Victor Herbert comic opera, "The Princess Pat." Blanche Duffield and ensemble singing the opening number. Will appear at the Eugene Theatre on Wednesday evening March 7, 1917.

ACTIVITIES OF OTHER COMMUNITIES TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS

COBURG.

Coburg, February 28.—Carl Hopkins was a business caller in Eugene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Anderson motored to Eugene yesterday on business.

N. J. Nelson Jr. motored to Harrisburg Tuesday afternoon.

A large number attended the meeting of the Commercial club held in the city hall of this city, Tuesday evening.

The new confectionery under the proprietorship of Ray Pirtle began business Tuesday. In the Powers building on Willamette Street. Mr. Pirtle has been cleaning, remodeling and setting up fixtures for the past week and is now in readiness to run a first class confectionary and to serve the public to the best of his ability. The new confectionery will carry all kinds of soft drinks and lunches. A full line of candies and cigars will also be kept. There will be ice cream parlor in connection.

H. Stoneburg left for Oklahoma City yesterday, where he has received a position as scientific assistant in agriculture for the government.

Dr. Mendenhall motored to Eugene today on business.

E. Durlinger of Eugene visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Guy Simmons visited Mrs. Cal Johnson yesterday.

Sam Green motored to Eugene last Tuesday on business.

William Kincart was in from the ranch today.

CAMP CREEK.

Camp Creek, February 27, 1917.—Everett Wilkinson from Hayden Bridge visited with Oren Masterson Thursday and Friday.

G. F. Hartley and son, Harold, are home now from Donna where they have been working in the lumber camp. The snow here Saturday and Sunday was 18 inches deep.

Chester Stephens is working for his brother in law, Vic Stroud at Trent.

Oren Masterson visited with friends at Hayden Bridge Saturday and Sunday.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Chris H. Jensen pastor. Our Sunday school begins at 9:45 a. m. We have a class for you. L. M. Cagley superintendent. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Come and hear our delegates report the Salem convention. Sermons by the pastor as follows: morning, 11 o'clock "Spiritual Eyesight." Evening, 7:30, "Jonah and his Submarine." You are invited to attend all these services. No seats reserved so be there on time.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. N. Ferris, minister. Bible school at 10:00 a. m. Divine worship at 11:00 a. m. Sermon by pastor, after which the Lord's Supper will be observed. All new members will be given the hand of church fellowship at this time. Senior and junior meetings at 6:30 p. m. Regular preaching service at 7:30 p. m. Chorus choir. All are cordially invited. Strangers always welcome.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
On next Sunday evening, Reverend James Moore, district superintendent for the Eugene district, will preach at the local Methodist church. This is Reverend Moore's first opportunity to speak to the local congregation, other than at quarterly meetings, and his coming is looked forward to. Some special music is planned. In the morning, Reverend James T. Moore, the local pastor, will preach as usual.

HAS HAD NOTABLE CAREER

Actor Who Plays St Perkins in "The Princess Pat," Experienced.

Alexander Clark, who plays the role of St Perkins in the Henry-Blossom-victor Herbert comic opera "The Princess Pat" at the Eugene theatre Wednesday, March 7, began his stage career on the Pacific coast with the Pyke Opera company. With that organization he played all the leading roles in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. His first engagement in New York was in 1894, when he played the part of the Old Boy in E. C. Rice's production of "Little Christopher" at the Garden Theatre.

Following this he was with Richard Mansfield's company: he next appeared at the Garrick Theatre in Joseph Herbert's burlesque of "Trilby" called "Trilby" in which he burlesqued Wilton Lackaye as Svengali. Then he was engaged by Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger for their production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" playing the role of Old King Cole. From that he went to Lillian Russell's company to play the part of Ikey Isenstein in "The American Beauty." The same season he succeeded Charles Bigelow in E. E. Rice's production of "The Girl from Paris" at the Herald Square Theatre.

Then he became Lulu Glaser's principle comedian in her first starring venture, "Sweet Anne Page," at the old Manhattan Theatre. Following this he went to London with Alice Neilson in "The Fortune Teller." Returning to this country he appeared in Chamberlain's production of "The Defender" at the Herald Square theatre. Then he became leading comedian in "The Runaways," produced by the Messrs. Shubert at the Casino. He then created the comedy part of the Blue Jay in Henry Savage's production of "Woodland."

After that he created the part of Jim Cheese in the Shubert's production of "The Earl and the Girl." He was succeeded in the part by Eddie Foy the following season. He played the Old King in Mr. Savage's "Student King" at the Garden Theatre, and was Lulu Glaser's leading comedian in "Mlle. Mischief" at the Lyric Theatre. The next season he starred in conjunction with Louise Dresser and Connie Edis in "The Golden Widow." Then he played the part of Smudge in Charles Frohman's farce "The Zebra" at the Garrick.

He was Valaska Suratt's principal comedian in "The Red Rose" at the Globe Theatre and was starred the following season in "A Model Eve" in the west. Last season he was in vaudeville until "A Modern Eve" was produced at the Casino.

CONGRESS MAY GIVE THE PRESIDENT POWER TO ACT

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The bill would provide for a bond issue to raise the money appropriated and would authorize the turning over of \$25,000,000 of the money to the bureau of war risk insurance to finance insurance on American vessels against the present risks of war.

Real Estate Transfers
Florence Douglas et al to A. F. Harper lot 3 blk. 19 Douglas Gardens — \$750.
Isabella Harper to Marion Harper — Blks. 47, 48, 52, Springfield \$1.
W. J. Lepley et ux to Jesse E. Bartlett—Part of lot 15, blk. 3, Hunt's add. to Springfield \$1.
Preston W. Green et ux to Chauncey Meachem—Lot 18, blk. 79, Washburne sub. of S. I. & P. Co's. add. to Springfield, \$10.

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