

German Clerks Here Have Access To Vital Secrets

Military Information at Their Disposal in Marine Insurance Circles

Assisted by H. F. Ficke

Steamship Official Placed Them Where They Could Spy for Berlin

Henry F. Ficke, auditor of the North German Lloyd line, arrested on Staten Island Friday night as a dangerous alien, had many connections in the insurance and financial district.

Aided His Former Clerks As an official of the North German Lloyd line Ficke came into contact with many insurance men prior to the United States entering the war with Germany.

Others were placed in shipping and export houses so that the net result, in the words of a British official connected with the intelligence department, was that the German spies, formerly centered in the steamship companies where it was comparatively easy to watch them, had been scattered and placed where information was easy for them to secure and information about them more difficult to obtain.

Have Access to War Secrets "It is time to face the facts," he says in the current issue of "Insurance News," "and deal with these enemy institutions as such, and comprehensively.

German fire insurance companies here have access to detailed plans and other vital information concerning plants in which war supplies of all sorts are being or later may be manufactured, and concerning docks, warehouses and innumerable other classes of risks, and this information might prove of great value to the enemy and of corresponding danger to this country.

To have permitted German companies to have written marine and war risk insurance for a single day after war was declared was an astonishing blunder; common business prudence requires that the government now go further and do what it should have been ready to do at the outbreak of the war—take charge of the business and assets of the German insurance and reinsurance companies operating here, cancelling outstanding policies, settling their obligations already incurred and eliminating every person from their staffs whose loyalty is subject to any suspicion whatever.

Consideration for the interests of individuals connected with the management of such companies in this country should not be allowed to weigh for a moment against the controlling fact that we are at war with a nation whose most responsible spokesmen have declared repeatedly that necessity knows no law, whose methods during the present struggle have been ruthless to a degree never before known in history, and which has elaborated a system of treacherous spying from which we had suffered even before war was declared.

Jeannette Rankin Denounces Lynching

Representative Upholds Demands of Labor in Montana Struggle

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 18.—"I have no patience with the alleged utterances of Frank Little," Representative Jeannette Rankin said in a speech here today, referring to an Industrial Worker of the World organizer recently lynched here, "but I have the greatest contempt for that form of direct action which permitted the foul and cowardly murder of Frank Little."

"I am convinced that the demands of labor in this trouble are just and should be granted. It is impossible properly to support a family in Butte on the wages that are being paid."

500 I. W. W. Lumberjacks To Stick to Fire Fighting

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 18.—More than five hundred striking lumberjacks, members of the Industrial Workers of the World, who have been sent from Missoula to fight fires for the United States Forest Service, will stick to their jobs, even though the threatened general strike of the I. W. W. is called next Monday, according to a statement today by Arthur W. Smith, secretary of the organization here.

The announcement is important, Forest Service officials say, because the fire situation is now more serious than any time this year. Dangerous fires are spreading rapidly through dry forests, and men brought to combat them successfully cannot be obtained.

Enemies Within

Radical Magazines Urged Attack on Conscription Law

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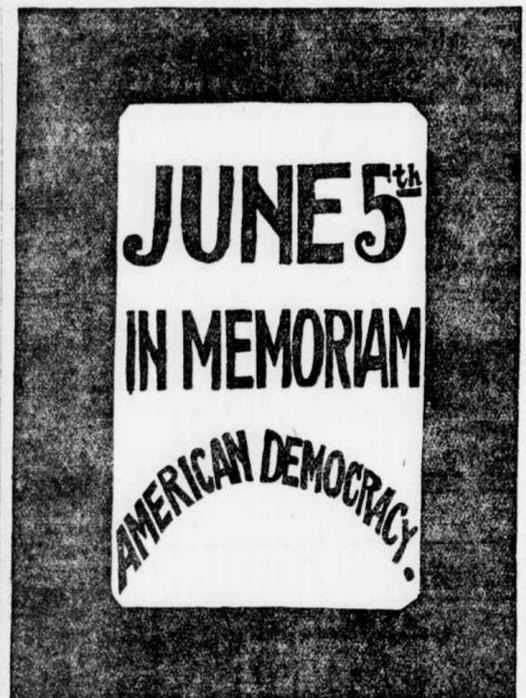
"DOWN with Conscription! Resist! Resist! Resist!" This was the text of "The Social War," of Chicago, an anarchist paper edited by Hippolyte Havel, in its issue for June. It continued:

"Conscription! That was the word that made the exploiters' eyes sparkle. Once get that firmly fastened on the workers, they thought, it will be something with which to stem the rising tide of revolt, hold the workers in check after the war and form

plea for forcible resistance to the law. He said:

"The conscription bill, to which liberals, generally, are opposed, carries beneath it well defined facts which must be revealed. In its entirety this act is the instrument of a powerful despotism, more harmful by far than are visible and destructible armaments. We know that this bill perverts the meaning of the much advertised war theme—democracy. These facts are too manifest for refutation. There are no subtle distinctions made by liberty loving people in their objection to

CONSCRIPTION BRINGS MOURNING TO THE ANARCHISTS.



Cover Design From "Mother Earth" for June, 1917

mightily armies with which to safeguard their riches and find new areas to exploit."

"Social War" Plans To Raise Rebellion

"The Social War" has no idea of confining itself to passive resistance. Its mission is to raise rebellion in America. It continues:

"This scheme must be smashed at all hazards. We are under no illusion as to the 'liberties' of the people of this country, but military control of the workers, with its blind and degrading obedience, would be a step backward that might not be traced for years. The workers must not take that step! But they will have to fight in a more serious fashion than they are doing at the present moment, if they want to prevent being forced to do so. It is not enough to pass resolutions. Revolution—not resolutions—is necessary. They have only to decide definitely that they will not have conscription, and fold arms for a day or two, and the thing is dead. It is not for them to consider how their masters will win their war, for it is their war. The only war the workers need worry about is the war against their exploiters—the landlords, financiers, capitalists, politicians and all the parasites who infest society. These are face to face with them in this country, and as long as they are in existence there can be no liberty.

"Do you think that conscription will be confined to single men? Soon as the act was passed the conscriptionists said, 'Now for the married shirkers!' And a capitalistic daily said:

"The War Office acknowledges no limit to its demand for men, and it already has clearly in mind the idea of demanding both the conscription of married men and the raising of the military age."

"The idea that you can satisfy the appetite of militarism by sacrificing the single men is therefore shown to be a foolish one. Resistance to conscription must take place here and now, and all and every means are justifiable."

"Mother Earth" Attacked Conscription

At the same time "Mother Earth," Emma Goldman's magazine, was saying:

"On June 5 the Meloch Militarism will sit in pompous state, awaiting its victims, who are to be dedicated to its gluttonous appetite. Surrounded by its high dignitaries, courtiers, vassals and lackeys, the monster will reach out for the youth of the land to be sacrificed on the altar of blood and iron, to the glory of God, the servitude of democracy. It will drown the groans and curses of the unwilling. Colors will obscure the burning eye of hate. Artificial holiday and merry-making will mask the pale tragedy of those whose sons, brothers, lovers and friends are to be offered up for sacrifice on the tear-stained day of June 5."

The foregoing was written by Emma Goldman. In the same issue of "Mother Earth" Saxe Commins had a subtle

More Salvation Army Workers Going to France

Fourteen Salvation Army workers were recently sent to France to open ten new American centres for the soldiers, it was announced yesterday. The group was in charge of Major George Anderson, of Albany. Another corps will start for the battlefields soon.

The Salvation Army is soliciting aid toward a fund of \$1,000,000 for army work, and is cooperating with the English organization, which so far has been successful in raising \$800,000. A new name—"hutments"—has been chosen for the centres, and the workers will be known as

conscription in toto. Why, then, should there be no militant objection to the first integral part of it—registration? Only one interpretation can be assigned to the acceptance of this major portion of the conscription bill by those who are opposed to war, and that is due to their lack of time for reflection. Secrecy has obscured its features too long. Registration is literal and final in its meaning. It is the first step over the precipice into the bottomless pit of conscription. It is the first and only step necessary toward the establishment of an institution only comparable to the now extinct Third Section of Russia. It is the resignation of the rights of the individual to a militarily supervised government. It implies the abrogation of every instinct as well as any principle you may have against bearing arms. It means that you sanction and willfully choose obedience and that you repudiate your right to resistance. "Do what your conscience dictates on June 5 and thereafter."

Reitman's Picture Declared False

Ben L. Reitman takes the method of trying to influence American citizens to resist the law by writing things that are deliberately untrue, by drawing a wholly imaginary picture and saying that it is a description of existing conditions. He says in "Mother Earth":

"All along the French line there have been strikes of soldiers, but when soldiers have guns and bombs in their hands and are accustomed to killing it takes more than mere promises to satisfy them. In certain sections on the French front the soldiers refuse to stay in the trenches for more than three weeks. They demand a furlough, and go back to Paris to have a good time."

This is unqualifiedly false. But Reitman goes on from this untruth to draw his conclusions. He says:

"The French anti-militarists did not sell their souls to the war-gods. They are demanding that their allies, especially the English, take their places in the trenches. And this is one of the reasons why the Allies are in such a hurry to get the American soldiers on French soil. The French are getting tired of fighting for government, and are preparing to fight for themselves. It is not at all unlikely that when our soldiers get to Europe they will not be ordered to slay the Germans, but will be killing French, English and Russian soldiers who refuse to fight for 'their' fatherland any longer."

Reitman then gives the following advice to the American soldiers:

"You may think that America is the freest country in the world. Yet we, the people, have no voice in making war. About three hundred men in the House of Representatives, one hundred and fifty in the Senate and one President have more power than we—the one hundred million American people. They can declare war; we cannot. They can stop wars; we cannot. Not unless we act like the Russians, and the soldiers lay down their weapons and refuse to fight."

"hutmen." Three hundred and eighty-seven hutments are already in service, in addition to seventy-seven "hostels" behind the French lines, where soldiers on leave may stay cheaply.

Dr. William L. Wells NEW ROCHELLE, Aug. 18.—Dr. William Lowndes Wells, one of the leading physicians of this section, died yesterday of pneumonia at his home here, at the age of eighty-seven. He was born in Columbus, S. C., and was graduated from Yale, from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and Heidelberg University. He married Miss Marion Sturges, of Southport, Conn., coming to New Rochelle more than forty-five years ago.

Union Labor Will Hold Conference To Rival Pacifists

Loyal Socialists to Join in Meeting at Minneapolis September 5

The American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, which was organized by Samuel Gompers to fight the pacifist element in the labor movement, yesterday announced that it would hold a conference at Minneapolis beginning on September 5. The conference will be almost concurrent with a national pacifist meeting also to be held by the People's Council in Minneapolis beginning September 1. The anti-pacifists hope to combat the work done by the pacifists.

The Alliance's committee, including J. G. Phelps Stokes, Rose Pastor Stokes, John Spargo, Charles Edward Russell, Ernest Boffa and Chester M. Wright, yesterday addressed the call for the conference "To the organized working people of America and their forward looking friends." The call said:

"Throughout the world to-day the great human aspiration for internationalism, democracy and human freedom is being tested in the fires of world war.

"Our own beloved Republic has thrown its weight into the scales on the side of freedom and democracy in both national and international relations. Our nation has entered the war without thought of conquest or reward, impelled by the passion for liberty and democracy that is in the very heart and soul of the American people.

"Whatever may have been the causes of this war at the outset, it has become clearly a contest between the ideals of liberty and democracy on the one hand, and the brutal, iron heel of autocracy on the other.

Pacifists Antagonize Democracy "In our midst in this crucial hour are many whose efforts are being directed against victory for America and America's cause. Whatever may be the motives of these people, the effect of what they do and say is unmistakably antagonistic to the triumph of the democratic principle in this war, and just as unmistakably helpful to the cause of the autocratic Teutonic alliance.

"At present these efforts are being directed largely through so-called workmen's councils which in no sense represent the American labor movement and through a so-called People's Council whose aims are in complete accord with the present needs of the German government.

"To the end that the American people—especially the American working people—may be aroused to the need for a clearer understanding of the effect of the war on the American and international labor movement, we issue this call for a representative conference to be held in Minneapolis, beginning on September 5.

"We ask trade unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor to send representatives, and we ask those American Socialists who have been driven from their party by its treachery to the democratic cause to join with us in this conference which will be truly representative of the spirit of democratic internationalism."

Spargo Charges Treachery "Perpetual anti-American, pro-German propaganda" is the way John Spargo, the pro-war Socialist, yesterday described the peace movement fostered by the People's Council. He made public a letter which he sent to Lella Faye Secor, organizing secretary of the council, in reply to appeals for his aid.

The letter said: "So far as I can judge from the activities of the council thus far, under cover of your advocacy of such policies as the safeguarding of labor standards, the meeting of the cost of war by taxation, and the reduction of the cost of living—policies which I most heartily favor—a propaganda in the interest of German autocracy and formulated at Potsdam is being conducted. In the name of democracy you are promoting the interests of autocracy. In the name of peace and anti-militarism you are doing all that lies in your power to strengthen the most brutal militarism the world has ever known; and in the name of internationalism you would betray the freedom of all nations to ruthless German despotism."

How to Write to Soldiers

Proper Form of Address for Men Here and Abroad

Major Olmstead, attached to Division Headquarters, N. G. N. Y., has given instructions relative to mail matter for soldiers in the various sections of the New York Guard who will be stationed shortly at training camps in Spartanburg and Mineola. New York's drafted men are to go to Yaphank. All relatives and friends of soldiers need do is to acquaint themselves with the numerical regimental designations given the Guardsmen and the drafted once they are in camp, and then adhere to the following forms:

John Smith, Company X, Regiment, Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

John Smith, Company X, Regiment, Camp Mills, Mineola, L. I.

John Smith, Company X, Regiment, Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I.

Only the following form of address, with the sender's name and address written legibly in the upper left hand corner, will be accepted by the Postoffice Department for transit abroad:

John Smith, Company X, Regiment, American Expeditionary Forces.

4 Austrian Officers Seized by U. S. in West

Alleged Accomplices of Capt. Schneider, Spy Suspect, Were Making for Mexico

LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 18.—Four Austrian army officers, alleged to be accomplices of Captain Erwin F. Schneider, recently arrested at San Francisco on a charge of being a German spy, were arrested by Department of Justice agents here today and placed in jail.

It is said they had come here from San Francisco and were en route to the Mexican border. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—According to Department of Justice officials here the names of the four Austrian army officers with whom Schneider associated are James Froelich, E. A. Kletz, Raymond Heimisch and Herman Ehrenreich. The Austrians were permitted to leave San Francisco after they had signed an agreement to inform the government of their movements. It was known that they were headed for the Mexican border.

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