

WEIGLE, THE TRIB STAR WAR MAN, AMONG THE PRISONERS

Edward J. Weigle, staff photographer of the Chicago Tribune, is a prisoner of war, interned by the German government and under surveillance in Berlin.

For six months the newspaper which prints a daily brag on its front page that it is "the world's greatest," has kept secret from its readers the fact that its star camera man was arrested while crossing the border of Holland into Germany, taken in charge by military police, identified and placed in confinement along with suspects, pussyfoots and gumshoe men believed by the German secret service to be dangerous characters.

Arrest of Weigle took place the last week in November. Every influence that the Chicago Tribune can bring to bear to get Weigle free has to date failed.

The stories that come back from Berlin as to why Weigle was pinched say it's on account of the way he talked about conditions in Belgium on his return from that country. In company with Joe Medill Patterson, secretary of the Tribune Co., Weigle went to Belgium when the war started. He was the first man to get back to Chicago with movies showing the Belgian troops trying to stop the German drive across Belgium.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, had the case put up to him by Tribune representatives. And, according to press club gossip, Von Bernstorff has used all his influence to set Weigle free.

Something in Weigle's record, however, makes the German government feel he's a dangerous man and ought not to be freed, even though he is the employe of a newspaper which has printed columns and columns of James O'Donnell Bennett stuff.

Carolyn Wilson was over to Germany for the Tribune this winter. She looked up Weigle's case. The

further she went with it the worse it looked to her.

And Eddie Weigle's friends don't expect him back in Chi. till the war is over.

CASHIER OF McCLURG & CO. SHORT IN ACCOUNTS

A warrant charging Olaf B. Olsen, 2515 N. Sawyer av., cashier in the wholesale dept. of A. C. McClurg & Co., publishers, 218 S. Wabash av., with being short \$6,000 in his accounts is in the hands of detectives. The warrant is being withheld pending a conference between Olsen's brothers and a bonding company.

Olsen has been with the McClurg firm for 17 years. He neither smoked nor drank. He seldom spent an evening away from home, except to go to church.

"He goes to the Sunday Evening club every Sunday night, he would get red to the ears if you even mentioned 'girl,' and I am sure he was never in a saloon or cabaret in his life," said his brother.

Olsen has not left town. Is still at home.

MYSTERY IN KILLING

Two patrol wagon loads of police answered a riot call to Chas. Mickattis' saloon, 4426 Ashland blvd., early today. The police found Mickattis on the floor, shot dead. Near him lay Stewart Moss, unconscious from a bullet wound.

Moss was rushed to St. Bernard's hospital. He had not regained consciousness and has only a slight chance of recovery.

Moss was a discharged city detective. On Feb. 15 he shot and killed Fred Brennan, a lifelong friend.

The police have no clues, but think some friend of Brennan's "got even."

Henry Thilmany, 17, 1723 Farwell, and Nicholas Losch, 13, 1730 Pratt, badly hurt when auto truck on which they were riding was struck by a street car.