

# TRAITORS SOUGHT TO SELL SECRETS

### ARRESTS OF TWO FRENCH OFFICERS CREATE A STIR.

### A SECOND DREYFUS AFFAIR.

One of the Men Arrested is a Hebrew Who is Said to Have Been Ready to Sell Foreign Secrets to a Foreign Power.

Paris, Oct. 26.—The arrest of Ensign Charles B. Ulmo, of the French navy, at Toulon, Thursday, on the charge of being a spy and who later confessed to having abstracted a secret naval signal book and the naval cipher code, was followed Friday by the arrest at Yverdon of an army reserve officer named Bertou, who is charged with negotiations with an agent of a foreign power for the sale of military secrets. The arrests are creating a great stir, and as Ulmo is a Hebrew the papers are making of his case a second Dreyfus affair.

It appears that Ulmo offered certain documents to the minister of marine for \$20,000, saying that unless his offer was accepted he would sell them to a foreign power. Thereupon a dummy correspondence was begun, ending in Ulmo's capture. A search of his lodgings revealed that he not only possessed the secret code signals, but was in possession of complete plans for the mobilization of the French navy, the location of harbor mines in the event of war, photographs of the mechanism of France's famous 75-millimeter field gun, etc.

The case of Ulmo and Bertou added importance to the debate which opened in the chamber of deputies Friday on the state of the national defenses, in connection with the charges made in the book entitled "Are We Defeated?" recently published by Charles Humbert, an ex-army captain and staff officer of ex-War Minister Andre, and the magazine article on the same subject of which Gen. Langlois is the author.

M. Gauthier and Lesties spoke at length on the disorganization said to exist in the army, citing statements made by M. Humbert and Gen. Langlois and contending that this deplorable condition of affairs was the result of the unchecked anti-military propaganda and the alleged system of political favoritism introduced since the days of Gen. Andre.

### Aged Woman on Trial for Murder.

Milford, Pa., Oct. 25.—Following upon the trial and acquittal of Mrs. Mary Contright, aged 72 years, on a charge of murdering Henry Cron, a neighbor, interest in Pike county centered here Friday in the trial of Mrs. John Neuman, aged 74 years, charged with the murder of her husband, on August 5, with a pitchfork. The jury in the case is all-female. Two sons of the woman, Valentine and Antoine, were indicted with her, but a verdict of not guilty was given in the case of Valentine and that of Antoine was postponed until spring at the request of the district attorney.

### One Judge Criticizes Another.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25.—United States Judge Pollock on Friday made a severe criticism of the methods of Judge Wallace, of the criminal court for Jackson county, who is endeavoring to close the Kansas City theatres on Sunday. Judge Pollock's criticism was directed at the temporary order of the United States court restraining officers of the state courts from interfering with Sunday theatre performers in Kansas City, was under consideration. Judge Pollock took the case under advisement and said he might announce his decision next week. The effect is to continue the temporary injunction in force.

### A Post-Counterfeiter Is Sentenced.

St. Louis, Oct. 26.—James Kelley Cole, the post-counterfeiter, of Chicago, who was arrested here in July, was on Friday sentenced to three concurrent 20-month sentences in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., by Judge Dyer in the United States district court. Cole was first sentenced to three concurrent two-year terms, but made a plea in his own defense that so stirred the judge that court was reconvened and the time Cole spent in jail was taken from the sentences. With good behavior Cole may be freed in 14 months.

### Auto Killed a Woman.

Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 26.—An automobile containing four passengers and the chauffeur while going along Barnum avenue last night struck and killed Mrs. Ann Leavy, aged 50, who was crossing the street. The chauffeur then lost control of the car and it dashed along for 200 feet and plunged over an embankment, turning turtle and pinning the occupants beneath it. Kittle and Mable Brennan and Julia Small were badly hurt. The fourth passenger, Thomas Tierney, escaped serious injury. William Logan, the chauffeur, was arrested.

### Strikers Apply for Reinstatement.

St. Louis, Oct. 26.—Manager Bohle, of the Western Union telegraph offices in St. Louis, last night said that 22 striking telegraphers applied for their former positions, Friday, and that most of them would return to the keys to-day.

### Convicted of Manslaughter.

New York, Oct. 26.—Charged with having aided his wife to commit suicide on June 7, James Wardell was convicted Friday of manslaughter in the first degree. Wardell's defense was that his wife had committed suicide with his knowledge.

### Tug and Four Men Missing.

Fine, Pa., Oct. 26.—The fishing tug Ida, owned by the Walker Fish Co. here, has been missing since early Thursday morning. Capt. Arthur Wilson and three men are aboard. An all-day hunt gave no trace of their whereabouts.

## A DANGEROUS CORNER.



### Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Corning, O., Oct. 26.—A freight train on the Kanawha & Michigan road ran into a cut of cars at Langville Friday. Edward Porter, the engineer, and John Edmonds, the fireman, were killed. A pronouncement of danger saved the life of Engineer Wallace Stanley. He refused to take his regular run and Ed Porter was sent in his stead. When the freight train reached Langville, it ran into a cut of cars standing on the side-track, on which the brakes had been loosened. Porter was instantly killed, as was the fireman.

### High Court to Decide Transfer Suit.

Columbus, O., Oct. 26.—The question of how far the responsibility of a street railway company goes in the matter of giving proper transfers to its patrons is involved in the case of the Cleveland Electric Railway Co. vs. Leon Foster, that was argued in the supreme court Friday. Foster asked for a transfer which, upon being presented as his fare, was refused and he was forcibly ejected from the car. He sued for \$5,000 damages and was given a verdict of \$125.

### A Dismal Explosion.

Youngstown, O., Oct. 26.—Tony Munson, aged 25, was probably fatally hurt and four other men were seriously injured in a gas explosion Friday at the plant of the National Gas Co. Fire that followed the explosion destroyed the building. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. The explosion was caused by a gas leak in the light department. Men at work on benches nearby were hurt, while 100 others succeeded in escaping uninjured from the building.

### Street Car Ran Into a Woman.

Columbus, O., Oct. 26.—Nine children and Patrick Moran, a soldier, were injured Friday when a street car struck a wagon from the United States army post, carrying children from school to their homes on the government reservation. Freda Ellertberg, 12 years old, daughter of the post quartermaster sergeant, suffered internal injuries and may die. The others sustained bruises. Moran drove on the tracks in front of the car.

### Eight-Hour Law to be Enforced.

Marletta, O., Oct. 26.—Orders issued by Maj. J. G. Warren, of Cincinnati, engineer in charge of the Ohio, Big Sandy, Muskingum and Kentucky rivers, have been served on the lockmasters in the Muskingum river instructing them to work but eight hours a day, thus enforcing the government eight-hour law. Boats arriving at the lock after 4 o'clock in the afternoon must wait till the next morning for lockage.

### Declares Public Schools are Failures.

Bellefontaine, O., Oct. 26.—Superintendent Van Cleave, of the Toledo public schools, before the charities conference here, declared that the American public school was a failure and the American home and Sunday school a disappointment. He was discussing the subject of moral training, and declared that the lack of a high ideal was the cause of the weakness of the morals of the boys and girls of to-day.

### Aged Preacher Intends to Wed.

Ashland, O., Oct. 26.—Rev. Alexander Scott, 85 years old, a retired Presbyterian minister of Congress, Wayne county, took out a license here Thursday evening to wed Mrs. Margaret Chambers, aged 65, of Savannah. "We do not intend to get married for a few days," said he.

### A Probably Fatal Accident.

Cleveland, Oct. 26.—L. Berger, a dry goods merchant on Detroit street, whose carriage struck by a Lake Shore electric car in Detroit street Friday, was thrown to the pavement and so badly hurt he may die. His skull was fractured. The accident occurred near Berger's store.

### Express Train Struck a Trolley Car.

Alcon, O., Oct. 26.—At Barberton an Erie express train struck the left front corner of the vestibule of an interurban car here Thursday night and cut it off squarely, but missing the motor. Had the car been a second later the passengers would have been killed.

### Will Meet at Lima in 1908.

Canton, O., Oct. 26.—The Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Friday afternoon selected Lima as the place of meeting in October, 1908. The exact date was not fixed.

### Woman is Arrested for Arson.

Norwalk, O., Oct. 26.—Miss Lou Mather, aged 48, was held Friday for trial to-day on a charge of having set fire to her house in this county on September 25.

## WEEKLY BUSINESS JULLETIN.

### BANK FAILURES HAVE NOT AFFECTED RETAIL TRADE.

The Leading Industries are Generally Active, Although Many Tin Plate Mills Have Closed.

New York, Oct. 26.—E. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Monetary pressure culminated this week in the closing of several banking institutions, but a serious panic was averted by the prompt action of Mr. Morgan, who assumed the leadership of a concerted movement to strengthen the situation, while the formation of a trust company committee similar to the clearing house committee did much to restore confidence.

Trade reports are irregular, the events of the week at this city tending to cause conservatism in preparations for the future, but current retail trade is active throughout the nation, and the leading industries maintain active machinery at most plants. An encouraging sign is the absence of cancellations. Transporters are unable to handle promptly all freight offered and railway earnings in October thus far surpass last year's by 6.8 per cent.

It is encouraging to note in dispatches from Pittsburgh and other leading centers of the iron and steel industry that no cancellations have been received and that specifications on old contracts maintain activity at most mills and furnaces. New business is light, but plants are fairly well occupied, except tin plate mills, which have shut down about 50 per cent of their capacity. Many plate and structural steel mills have contracts covering output up to the end of the year.

### Mica Trust is Knocked Out.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—The dismissal Friday by Judge Kohlsaat, in the United States circuit court, of a patent case, on the ground that it lacked equity, puts an end to a monopoly which existed for 15 years—the so-called "mica trust." Mica is used extensively for insulating purposes in electric motors and dynamos. The process for making mica insulation was patented, but the application for a patent on the resultant product was denied on the ground of prior use. This fact was unknown until a search of the records of the patent office disclosed it. It was in view of this concealed fact that the court dismissed the case.

### Railroad Company is Fined \$25,000.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 26.—Justice Riddell on Friday imposed a fine of \$25,000 on the Michigan Central Railway Co. for the explosion of a car of dynamite at Essex Center on August 9 which resulted in the killing of two men and serious injury to 40 others. The dynamite was shipped as powder.

### \$300,000 Fire Loss.

Marshalltown, Ia., Oct. 26.—Fire last night destroyed the Iowa Central car shops, paint shops, machinery, stock, coaches, cars and lumber, entailing a loss of \$300,000.

### A Financial Crisis in Chile.

Santiago, Chile, Oct. 26.—There is a tremendous financial and commercial crisis in progress here. The gold premium has reached 100 per cent, a rate hitherto unknown here.

### DREDS TINY BIT OF LAND.

Document Transfers Sixteenth of an Inch of Real Estate.

Warsaw, Ind.—A deed for one-sixteenth of an inch of land has just been made by Jacob Rosenstock, of this city, on a piece of property which he owned in Cleveland, O. A purchaser of an adjoining piece of property attempted to jump his contract on a technicality.

### Louis Rosenstock, a son of Jacob Rosenstock, of Warsaw, is a member of a Cleveland real estate firm, which recently sold to a Cleveland man a lot with a frontage of 120 feet, the real estate company selling the property for a bank. A few days later the purchaser decided that the property was not wanted by them and refused to accept the deed, claiming that the bank could give title to only 119 feet 11.88 inches frontage.

As it happened Mr. Rosenstock, of this city, owned 95 feet adjoining the property in question, and as soon as he received word of the hitch in the sale decided a section of his lot, less than half an inch of frontage, to the real estate firm, so that a title could be given to a full 120-foot frontage. The deal went through.

### Routed Burglar With Chair.

New York.—Frank M. Franklin, a lawyer, who lives in an old fashioned house at 205 2d avenue, had an encounter with a burglar and came off victorious. He was aroused from his sleep by one of his children, who heard a noise in the dining room and started to cry. Mr. Franklin got out of bed and ran into the dining room in time to see a man with a revolver climbing through a window. The burglar aimed the revolver at the lawyer, but before he had a chance to fix Franklin seized a chair and threw it at him.

### The burglar, bewildered by the attack, dropped to the yard, a distance of twelve feet, and, although he was injured, he managed to climb over the fence and escape.

Mr. Franklin often has large sums of money in the house, and he believes the burglar knew it. Since July burglars have paid him three visits.

### Women Carrying Walking Sticks.

New York.—Cane and swagger sticks for young women are the latest fad here. Several of the feminine exponents of the idea have been seen in Fifth avenue carrying slender canes.

## Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contains Mercury.

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## FORMER OWNERS REGAIN CONTROL OF STEAMSHIP COMPANIES IN THE MORSE COMBINE.

### A NEW AND BIGGER MERGER

Involving Control of the Entire American Coastwise Shipping Trade is Said to be Planned by J. Pierpont Morgan.

New York, Oct. 26.—The recent report that Charles W. Morse was planning radical changes in the management of the companies comprising the consolidated steamship lines was confirmed Friday when the directors of the different companies met in this city and made various changes in their management. The effect of these changes was the practical restoration of the active management of several of the subsidiary companies to their former owners and managers. There were unconfirmed rumors last night that these changes meant that J. P. Morgan and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. had entered the affairs of the shipping combine with powerful influence. This was fore-shadowed the possibility of a greater combine, including the Morse companies and the New Haven Road's marine lines, to control the entire American coastwise shipping trade of the Atlantic and the Gulf.

An officer of one of the larger subsidiary companies said of the changes: "While this is no time to consider the formation of combinations, those already formed must be taken care of in the interest of those who own the stocks and bonds."

According to one report, all the stocks of the subsidiary steamship lines have been placed in a voting trust, which is to continue for three years, the members of which are the original owners of the lines. They are H. P. Booth, Harry H. Raymond, Henry R. Mallory, E. J. Berwind and F. D. Mooney.

### Telegraphers Elect a President.

Milwaukee, Oct. 26.—The Commercial Telegraphers' union on Friday adopted resolutions declaring that the adopted companies have been accepting messages which have been sent by mail to their destination, and there copied for delivery to the persons to whom addressed. Local unions are urged to appeal to their congressmen to secure investigation by congress. The convention adjourned last night after electing W. W. Beattie, of Washington, D. C., president.

### Farmer's Lucky Gloves.

Iona, N. J.—Reaching down to clear a clog of dirt from his plow, J. Hampton Leonard picked up an adder three feet long. Mr. Leonard is a gentleman farmer and always wears gloves when working in the fields. This probably saved his life, as the gloves kept the deadly fangs of the snake from entering his hands.

### Mr. Leonard is the secretary of the Prohibition party of Gloucester county, is not afraid of snakes, and quickly dispatched the reptile.

### Bulldog Kills Bear.

New York.—While two itinerant showmen, accompanied by two large performing bears, were passing through the Long Island village of Amagansett a small bulldog owned by William Bennett rushed at them and caught one of the bears by the leg. A fierce battle ensued and the dog got a fatal grip on the throat of the bear. No one dared go to the scene of poor brute. The showmen, even with their poles, were unable to shake the dog's grip, and the bear was dead within 30 minutes.

### Butterflies Excite Town.

Washington, C. H., Ohio.—An unusual spectacle was presented here by the appearance of thousands of brown butterflies. They came in a huge swarm, filling the air from a distance of 30 feet up to as far as the eye could see.

### Receiver for Knitting Mills.

Philadelphia, Oct. 26.—The Pennsylvania Knitting Mills, of Reading, Pa., manufacturers of hosiery, a Holme company affiliation, against whom a petition in bankruptcy was filed, had receivers appointed for it Friday by Judge McPherson in the United States district court. The liabilities are about \$600,000 and the assets \$210,000. The receivers were granted leave by the court to operate the mills for three weeks and at the end of that time to report to the court whether a continuance of the business would be profitable. There are 22 persons employed in the plant.

## CLEARING HOUSE TRIES TO STEER TIDE

### OF FINANCIAL DISASTER BY ISSUING CERTIFICATES.

### AN ACTION SELDOM TAKEN.

Six Banks and Trust Companies in Brooklyn and Vicinity Suspended Payment Friday—Savings Banks Enforce 60-Day Rule.

New York, Oct. 26.—Friday was another nerve-racking day, but the financial institutions of New York showed extraordinary power of resistance to the pressure put upon them. While several minor institutions were forced to close their doors, yet two things should be said about them—first, that the amount involved was not so great as to exert any marked influence on the general situation, as these banks were located in residential quarters and did not come in touch with the larger financial institutions of the metropolis; second, that there is every reason to believe that these banks and trust companies are entirely solvent and their difficulties will prove to be only temporary and due entirely to inability to secure ready cash.

In the light of the general excitement the savings banks put into effect the rule requiring 30 to 60 days' notice for the withdrawal of deposits, and this will prevent the withdrawal of money which would otherwise be put in safety deposit boxes. The savings banks, if they continued to make payments, would be obliged to withdraw funds from the national banks, thereby causing an additional strain on the general banking situation. There was not the slightest hint that any of the savings institutions was in anything but the soundest condition.

The institutions which closed their doors Friday, with the same due diligence, were: The United States Exchange bank, Mariem, \$800,000; International Trust Co., about \$100,000; The Borough bank, of Brooklyn, \$4,000,000; The Brooklyn bank, \$2,300,000; Williamsburg Trust Co., Brooklyn, \$7,500,000; The First National Bank of Brooklyn, \$3,500,000.

The First National Bank of Brooklyn, the Williamsburg Trust Co. and the International Trust Co. were allied institutions. None of these companies had any important business connections with the larger banks. On the other hand a number of favorable features marked the day. The Trust Company of America and the Lincoln Trust Co., the two organizations which have suffered most from panic, closed the day with all demands having been met.

The most favorable incident of the day was that the stock exchange was provided with funds ample to meet its immediate necessities by a money pool headed by J. P. Morgan, which sent about \$15,000,000 to the exchange during the afternoon. The stock market held relatively firm all day, but when the pool money was ordered in the loan corner there was an immediate upturn of prices and the market closed strong.

A further encouraging development, the good effect of which can scarcely be overestimated, was the decision to issue clearing house certificates. There will be a meeting of the Clearing House association to-day for the purpose of taking official action for the issuance of these certificates. The immediate effect of this will be to enable the banks to settle the balances between themselves with these certificates and thereby release large sums of currency for the regular needs of business. The decision to issue clearing house certificates is likely to end any further anxiety in relation to the supply of currency.

The first issue of clearing house certificates was in 1860 and there were several issues during the war. Other issues occurred in 1873 and 1884. The last occasion on which they were availed of was in 1893. The clearing house certificate is practically a guarantee by all the banks in the clearing house that the certificate shall be redeemed at par, but the clearing house banks are protected against loss by the fact that first class securities are required before the certificates are issued. The certificates are used only between banks in the settlement of their balance at the clearing house. They do not appear in general circulation.

### Express Company Robbed of \$24,000.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 26.—Investigation into the loss of \$24,000 from the railway depot office of the United States Express Co. in this city shows that the money was probably taken by an employe who was familiar with the surroundings and with the best means of making away with the plunder. The thief apparently had knowledge of the combination of a large safe in the office. None of the employes is missing.

### Steel Plant to be Closed.

Columbus, O., Oct. 26.—The Columbus plant of the United States Steel Corporation, employing 800 men, will be closed down indefinitely to-day. The order was received by the superintendent of the plant Friday, but no reason for the suspension of operations was given.

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### WHISTLES TO SOOTHE SNAKE.

Native Naturalist Advises How to Dismarm the Deadly Rattler.

Nashville, Tenn.—Anybody who can whistle need not fear a rattlesnake, is the dictum of John T. Shelton, of Petersburg, Tenn. "Nobody in Petersburg has ever tried whistling in any emergency of the kind, but even Naturalist John Burroughs would not be able to convince them that it would be a dangerous expedient."

"Jack" Shelton is a man of authority in those parts. He carries a gun to back up any statements that may be contradicted, and therefore no one has ever successfully combated him or found him guilty of a "nature fake." Consequently when he dropped into the office of his town paper, the editor evidently gave him all the space he needed to enunciate his ideas on the application of the whistle to the rattler.

"Should you ever encounter a rattlesnake," said Shelton, "and it was all but in cold type forthwith, 'don't you be afraid. Don't fight him. Just whistle softly—ever so softly—just as though you were rocking a baby to sleep—something pathetic, if you can think of it. In a minute you'll see the gentlest snake possible. He'll close his eyes and his whole body will quiver."

"I saved my life once in this way. I was practically at the mercy of a snake when I tried the scheme. I whistled with all the music that was in my soul. And in nine shakes of a dead man's tail Mr. Snake seemed to lose all his fighting power and appeared to close his eyes and go to sleep. That was the signal for me to get out and run. "But, remember, and don't let any one cut this out, after you've smoothed him out, your whistle don't stay long."

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