

# SPY OR PATRIOT, RITTER IS TRUE TO HIMSELF

He's only a boy—this sergeant major whom military and federal sleuths declare is a hiring of the Kaiser.

country's enemies information of grave importance, Sergt. Maj. Thomas Helmut Ritter was interviewed by a newspaper correspondent Monday.

It was evening. The winter sun had just touched the horizon and the bugles were blowing retreat. Before the little tarpaper-roofed

building of the 361st infantry guard house with its makeshift windows of wire net, the guard inside the prisoners were gabbling among themselves—all save one.

He stood gazing thru the diamond-shaped screen, and his face bore the look of a man who sees much and endures much but who says little.

The pleasant-faced officer of the day inspected the credentials and passes and letters of The Times reporter and led the way to his office.

He dispatched an orderly, and a moment later the door swung open to admit the man who is claimed to represent the most despicable profession on earth—Hun espionage.

Somehow the mere presence of the man had an electrical effect on the occupant of the room. The officer of the guard rose to his feet, as tho against his will. The officer of the day stood a bit straighter and the newspaperman was stunned by the utter incongruity of the man and the charge he must answer.



### WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday rain; colder tonight and Wednesday.

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# WILSON DEFIES KAISER!

## CITY IS IN FISH TRADE!

Salmon at 6 1/2 and 7 cents a pound will soon be sold from carts on downtown Tacoma corners under municipal supervision.

It will be furnished to the city from fish hatcheries on Puget Sound and will be strictly fresh.

The present price of salmon ranges from 22 to 25 cents.

The decision to go into the municipal fish business was reached by the city council Tuesday after Mayor Fawcett had completed negotiations with L. H. Darwin, state game and fish commissioner, for obtaining a supply.

## SEATTLE TO SELL FISH AT MARKETS

(Special to The Times.) SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—The city of Seattle will go into the fish business within the next ten days and retail salmon at seven cents a pound.

Salmon is retailing in Seattle today at from 22 to 30 cents a pound.

Health Commissioner McBride has been detailed by Mayor Gill to select a site for the city's stall in the Pike Place public market.

The city's supply of fish will be obtained from the state hatcheries, and were offered to Seattle and other cities thruout the state by Fish Commissioner L. H. Darwin.

The fish will be shipped to Seattle after being killed, and the spawn utilized at the hatcheries.

A payment of 5 1/2 cents a pound will be made to the state for the fish.

In other years much of this good salmon had been supplied to state institutions. This year the supply was far greater than the demand. It either had to be consumed as food, wasted or used as fertilizer.

## LISTEN TO LIEB!

(By United Press.) ZURICH, Jan. 8.—"We must recognize only one principle, that might is right, and must know neither sentiment nor consideration of humanity or compassion," said Gen von Lieb in a speech before the conservative congress in which he declared Germany must have Courland, Belgium and Northern France.

"We must have Belgium and Northern France," he continued. "The curse of God is upon the French. Portuguese possessions must disappear."

"France must pay until blue white."

"You may call me jingo, Chauvinist or anything you like, but we must have a strong peace."

## WARNS U.S. OF DRIVE!

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—A gigantic German thrust on the west front—possibly their greatest assault during the war—is impending, Secretary of War Baker declared in his weekly military review today.

In the great battle, the Germans, Baker said, "may be counted upon to strain every fiber of their remaining strength in an endeavor to make their plans succeed."

Baker counsels the American people, "on the eve of a possible German offensive to recall that the allies in the past have always come out victorious."

## TWO AMERICANS IN LIST OF DISABLED

(United Press Leased Wire.) OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—The following Americans are mentioned in today's Canadian casualty lists: Gassed: L. W. Brand, Freewater, Or.

Ill: H. A. Mundy, Soda Springs, Idaho.

## TRAINS ALL TO GO ON!

The cutting down of passenger service and equipment out of Tacoma, including reduction to three trains daily to Portland, was merely an emergency measure, brought about by the serious flood conditions.

This was made certain Tuesday when all lines, announced complete resumption of their old schedules in force before the heavy rains and floods interfered with traffic and caused congestion of freight.

Nine Trains Again. Beginning at midnight, the former nine trains each way, instead of three, will be operated between Tacoma and Portland, with the former full equipment, including observation cars, diners and sleepers.

Of these, the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific and Great Northern each will operate three. Three of them will be night trains.

The announcement also carries with it a cancellation of the order allowing interchange of tickets on the various lines. Solifling of freight and passenger traffic, halted during the flood, is ordered continued.

Milwaukee Resumes. Both tracks on the Point Defiance line have been opened and the tracks all along the line are reported to be in almost normal condition again.

At the same time, transcontinental traffic to Chicago over the Cascades, which was completely knocked out by the destruction of bridges east of the mountains, has been resumed by the Milwaukee.

The crack flyer Columbian left Tacoma Monday night for Spokane at 8:15. The Olympian also left Tacoma for the east on time at 8:45 Tuesday morning.

The Columbian from Chicago reached Tacoma two hours late Tuesday morning, and the Olympian from Chicago is expected Tuesday night.

Resume Branch Service. All Milwaukee trains are being operated out of the Union depot in Tacoma because of the wash-out of the Milwaukee bridge over the Puyallup river. The office of the company expects the bridge will be repaired within 10 days.

Repairs on the bridge over the Yakima river at Ellensburg, the washing out of which tied up the eastern service, were completed at midnight.

## Kerensky's Sister-In-Law



MADAME VLADIMIR BARANOVSKY.

## Declares Leader Yet Will Win; Recuperating In Finland Now

(Special to The Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—"Kerensky, tho today a physical wreck, will again become the strong man of Russia."

This is the confident prediction of his sister-in-law, Madame Vladimir Baranovsky, who has just reached the United States with her husband, a Russian engineer.

"He has been recuperating in Finland," she said, definitely setting at rest the rumors of imprisonment, death and suicide which have shrouded Kerensky's fate in mystery since his flight from Petrograd.

"And he will 'come back' when the hour strikes."

Body Too Frail. Madame Baranovsky, childhood playmate, confidante and relative of Kerensky, has kept secretly in touch with the revolutionary leader overthrown by the Bolsheviks.

"It was his nerves, his shattered health, not the threats and power of counter revolutionary forces, that shook him from the helm of Russia's destiny," she explained.

"His body was too frail for the wonderful mind and patriotic fervor of the man. But that dominant mind will restore the body, and then he will again be a controlling power in Russia."

## States 14 Demands Germany Must Meet If She Wants Peace

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—In terms specific and unquestionable, President Wilson today stipulated before a joint session of congress the aims for which America is fighting.

This country, he said, will continue the struggle until these are achieved.

It was the "compelling voice of the Russian people," asking a definition of America's "principles and purposes," that prompted the president to speak today. And it was largely to Russia that his speech was directed.

He struck out at the sinister activities of the German rulers, demanded the light on all future negotiations and treaties and held resolute to his stand for territorial adjustments that will insure peace.

The terms he outlined were met by prolonged applause from the legislators.

To release this embodiment of "justice to all peoples and nationalities" that "they may live on equal terms of liberty and safety with one another whether they be strong or weak," the president said the American people "will devote their lives and honor."

Immediate attention was called to the fact—and its significance—that the president did not include elimination of the Hohenzollern dynasty as a war aim. But he laid down emphatically the necessity of all future treaties and agreements being made in the open.

Regarding the Russo-German parley at Brest-Litovsk, the president said the incident is "full of significance and perplexity."

that the general principles of settlement which they at first suggested originated with the more liberal statesmen of Germany and Austria, the men who have begun to feel the force of their own people's thought and purpose, while the concrete terms of actual settlement came from the military leaders who have no thought but to keep what they have got.

The negotiations have been broken off. The Russian representatives were sincere and in earnest. They cannot entertain such proposals of conquest and domination.

Have Insisted Cards Be Laid on Table. The whole incident is full of significance. It is also full of perplexity. With whom are the Russian representatives dealing? For whom are the representatives of the central empires speaking? Are they speaking for the majorities of their respective parliaments or for the minority parties, that military and imperialistic minority which has so far dominated their whole policy and controlled the affairs of Turkey and of the Balkan states, which have felt obliged to become their associates in this war?

## America's Peace Terms

- 1.—Open covenants, openly arrived at, with no ensuing secret treaties.
- 2.—Freedom of the seas in peace and war, except as closed by international action for enforcement of international covenants.
- 3.—Trade equality among nations consenting to the peace.
- 4.—Reduction of armaments.
- 5.—Impartial adjustment of colonial claims, with regard for the voice of the inhabitants.
- 6.—Evacuation of all Russian territory and assurances of her unhampered opportunity for practical and economic developments.
- 7.—Evacuation and restoration of Belgium.
- 8.—Evacuation of French territory and righting the wrongs done France by Prussia in 1871.
- 9.—Readjustment of Italian frontier along lines of nationality.
- 10.—Autonomous development for Austria-Hungary.
- 11.—Evacuation and restoration of Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro with access to the sea for Serbia, and relations of the several Balkan states to be determined by friendly counsel.
- 12.—Sovereignty for Turkish portions of the Ottoman empire with autonomy for other nationalities now under Turkish rule and permanent freedom of the Dardanelles.
- 13.—An independent Poland with access to the sea.
- 14.—A league of nations to enforce specific covenants.

## PRESIDENT'S WILSON'S GREAT SPEECH; READ IT CLEAR THRU

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The president's address follows: Gentlemen of the Congress: Once more, as repeatedly before, the spokesmen of the central empires have indicated their desire to discuss the objects of the war and the possible basis of a general peace.

Parleys have been in progress at Brest-Litovsk between Russian representatives and representatives of the central powers to which the attention of all the belligerents has been invited for the purpose of ascertaining whether it may be possible to extend these parleys into a general conference with regard to terms of peace and settlement.

The Russian representatives presented not only a perfectly definite statement of the principles upon which they would be willing to conclude peace, but also an equally definite program of the concrete application of those principles.

Russians, Sincere, Are Forced to Halt Parley. The representatives of the central powers, on their part, presented an outline of settlement, which, if much less definite, seemed susceptible of liberal interpretation until their specific program of practical terms was added.

That program proposed no concessions at all, either to the sovereignty of Russia or to the preference of the populations with whose fortunes it dealt, but meant, in a word, that the central empires were to keep every foot of territory their armed forces had occupied—every province, every city, every point of vantage—as a permanent addition to their territories and their power.

It is a reasonable conjecture of the 9th of July last, the spirit friends of the Red Cross.

## WOMEN CAN'T RUN CARS; FARES MAY BE BOOSTED

Women will not be employed as street car conductors in Seattle, according to a decision reached Monday night by the public service commission following a public hearing in Seattle.

The commission ruled in effect that the health of women would be endangered in undertaking such work.

However, it was decided that a petition to raise the rates to 6 cents would be acceptable to them and, if an examination of the company's affairs showed the need of it, the increase would be allowed.

## NEW CRISIS ARISES TO HARASS SPAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, Jan. 8.—Spain is passing thru another economic crisis, which is resulting in a distinct revolutionary movement, according to the Matin today. Martial law is being considered.

## WHOLE AUSTRALIAN CABINET RESIGNS

(United Press Leased Wire.) MELBOURNE, Jan. 8.—The entire cabinet resigned today, the result of the recent vote against conscription. Hon. F. G. Tudor, former minister of trade, was asked to form a new ministry.

## REPORT TROTSKY RESUMING PARLEY

(United Press Leased Wire.) AMSTERDAM, Jan. 8.—Bolshevik Foreign Minister Trotsky has arrived at Brest Litovsk and peace negotiations are to be resumed this afternoon, according to Berlin dispatches today.

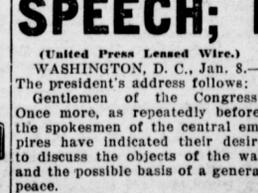
## CROSS COUNTRY IN MOTOR TRUCK

Commodore Robert E. Wagner has arrived in Tacoma, completing the first coast to coast trip by motor truck. He left Boston Sept. 5 in a Deby truck.

## FOUND GUILTY

(United Press Leased Wire.) RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 8.—Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain today was found guilty of the murder of his brother Albert. Life imprisonment for the physician was fixed by the jury after only 40 minutes' deliberation.

## TALK O' THE TIMES



Greetings, have you seen the new Pan?

Be it ever so chilly, there is no place like Nome, these days.

The medical corps at Camp MacArthur includes Lieut. Saturday E. Post.

OFF TO THE SCRAP HEAP. The engine is a complete wreck. The smokestack is cut in two and the bell was knocked off.—Menominee (Mich.) Herald-Leader.

A Fort Atkinson concern supplies information on a variety of agricultural topics, including "How to turn water into milk." A simple method is to pour it into a cow.

"Sixteen Ft. Lauderdale School Teachers Going to Daytona Convention."—Miami Metropolis. They must grow tall in the glorious climate of Florida.

The Cabbage boys of North Dakota, reports H. H. L., are not afraid that the Teuts will make mackerel of them. Among the names on the service flag of Hazelton are Roy Cabbage, Perry Cabbage, Glen Cabbage, and Fred Cabbage.

And now for the income tax schedule. Boy, some cracked ice and a towel!

## Time and Again U. S. Tells Its Aims

But, whatever the result of the parleys at Brest-Litovsk, whatever the conclusions of counsel and of world.

## MOUNTAIN JUSTICE BOOSTERS MEETING

At a meeting of the Mount Tacoma club to be held Tuesday evening in the Commercial club, a spokesman will be chosen to place the "Justice to the mountain" claims before the Masama club of Portland.

## COAST MILLS MAY BUILD AIRPLANES

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 8.—Official approval has been given to the move to have airplane frame parts manufactured in Pacific coast mills and shops, according to a telegram today from ex-Gov. West who is in Washington regarding the matter.

## \$3,675 PROFIT FOR RED CROSS

The Red Cross Gift shop on Helens av. has cleared \$3,675 in the Tacoma chapter since Oct. 1. All articles sold are donated.