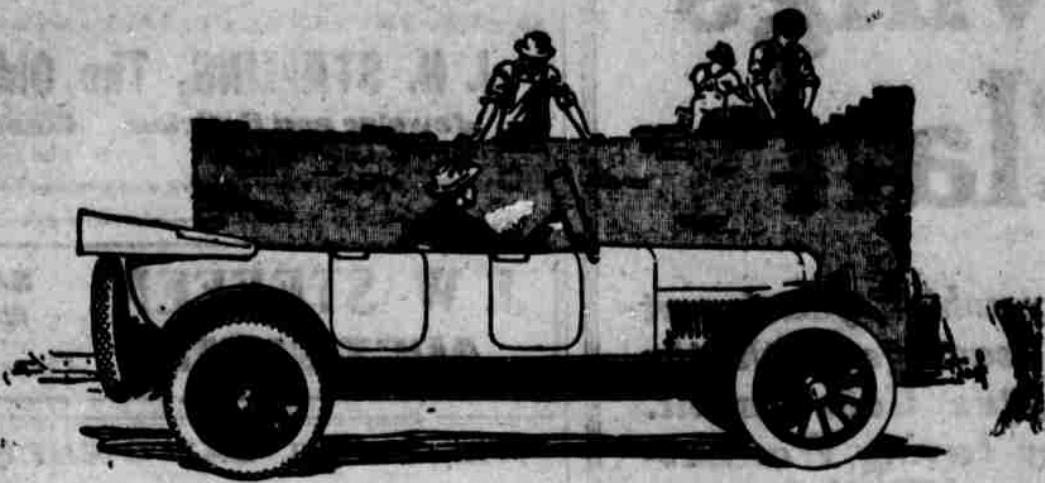


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the Government Printing Office at Washington declare there is no word of truth in the story. There are no spies in the plant. Neither will the bonds fade and crumble away after a few months.)

Lie No. 64—J. B. Ross, a St. Louis patriot, advances the information that a letter carrier, talking in a downtown restaurant the other day, declared 8,000 United States soldiers had already been killed in France and that a soldier at Jefferson Barracks gave him all such information, which the Government withholds.

(Of course, the letter carrier was retelling some more "bunk." There has been no such casualty list in France, and soldiers at Jefferson Barracks know less of what is going on in the army than many civilians. Just propaganda, that's all.)

Lie No. 65—A man wants to know if it is true "that two soldiers were frozen to death in a trench at Fort Sill and that the nation is losing from 30 to 40 men a day in France, of which no information reaches the newspapers.

(The Republic has a staff correspondent at Fort Sill. He has access to the news there. No soldiers have been frozen to death. There is a death list almost daily now from France, but every soldier's name is given the public as quickly as it is sent the man's parents. No effort is being made to suppress this sort of information. The censor holds up news concerning movements of troops, ammunition, supplies and the like. Nothing else.)

Lie No. 66—Another reader wants to know if it is true that men are refusing to enlist in the regular army and are offering themselves for other branches because they have been told they will not see service in France if they go in as engineers, signal corps, aviators and the like.

(Every man who goes into the army, more than likely, will be sent overseas sooner or later. Enlistments in the regular army are not falling off. National Guardsmen, engineers, aviators and mess men already are on duty in France, thus giving the lie to this story.)

Lie No. 67—Omar D. Gray of The Sturgeon (Mo.) Leader, sends a clipping from The Democrat-Tribune of Jefferson City, Mo., to the effect that knitting for the soldiers and sailors is unnecessary and declaring that "press reports indicate the War Department as hysteria." This story, Gray says, is going the rounds of the small-town newspapers.

(Mr. Gray is doing the public and the Government a great favor in calling attention to this sort of propaganda. Quite recently the executives at Washington, in published statements and in public utterances, begged, actually begged, the women of the United States not to give up their knitting for one instant. More, more and still MORE articles must be knit they said. The effect of such articles as that from the Jefferson City paper is to put a stop to knitting, the very thing pro-Germans want; anything to hurt the cause in America. The editors of small town newspapers should be more careful, or at least investigate the truth of reports such as these, before giving publicity to them.)

Lie No. 68—Malden, Mo., reports pro-Germans are circulating stories there concerning the health and morals of nurses employed in Red Cross work, both in the United States and overseas. This person said he was told recently in St. Louis that 600 nurses in America alone are now ill in hospital.

(It is questionable whether such a lie was ever told in St. Louis. It is the first time it has been brought to the attention of The Republic. At any rate, while some nurses may be ill—and who doesn't get sick now and then?—there are not 600 of them in all the hospitals in the United States. The morals of women employed in Red Cross hospital work are above reproach.)

Lie No. 69—A story recently originated in Germany to the effect that a woman spy has been executed in the United States. Its widespread use is nothing but propaganda.

(The State Department sent an official denial of the report to all American Consuls and legations in European neutral countries. The name of the woman was given as Anna Huitema. Just "bunk" that's all.)

Lie No. 70—For 2 days there is a rumor current about the country that an American transport going overseas had been sunk, with heavy loss of life. It was said that two transports, bearing 11,000 men and the superdreadnaught Texas, had been sunk, and that the American Government was suppressing the news.

(The Government at Washington announced last night that the source of this lie, termed propaganda, had been unearthed in Guadalajara, Mexico, where it was printed in a Spanish newspaper, and said to have been a cablegram received from Spain. The Government announces this is more German propaganda and that there is no word of truth in it.)

Lie No. 71—The Democratic-Tribune of Jefferson City, Mo., prints a story to the effect that 3,000 girls are to be enlisted by the Y. W. C. A. of Seattle, Wash., as dancing partners for soldiers at Camp Lewis, and that they are to be paid a minimum of \$15 a week and a commission of 5 cents on each dance.

(There is no reasonable excuse for the publication of such a story. It is plainly propaganda. Such stories hurt campaigns for raising funds for legitimate enterprises. Three thousand girls at \$15 a week means \$45,000 a week salaries, or more than \$2,000,000 a year. Nothing but "bunk.")

Lie No. 72—A report has been circulated and has gained some credence in certain localities to the effect that the food administration has limited the supply of salt because, if salt cannot be obtained farmers will be unable to cure and pack pork for home consumption.

(The administration emphatically denies this story. There is no general shortage of salt, nor have steps been taken to limit the use of salt.)

Lie No. 73—Florence, Mo., sends word it is common gossip in that section, before giving publicity to them.)

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ONE HUNDRED AND ONE GERMAN LIES

Lie No. 47. Dr. Charles Reilly, oculist, 615 Locust street, says he has been informed West Point officers refuse to recognize by salutation officers in the new national army.

(This is an unmitigated lie, as newspaper reports, photographs and interviews coming from all points in the United States have shown how appreciative the West Point men are of the great patriotism displayed by their brother officers in the national army.)

Lie No. 48. Pro-German propagandists are spreading reports that thousands of drafted men are deserting from the national army cantonments; that hundreds already have been shot.

(Army officers and newspaper correspondents, always on hand at the various cantonments, say the spirit of patriotism is so high and the men so well satisfied that they wouldn't desert if all guards were put to sleep.)

Lie No. 49. Reports are being circulated that men who enlisted in the navy before December 15, 1917, are to be grabbed for the army, as the navy now is full.

(Washington has issued an official order allowing drafted men to enlist in the navy up to December 15.)

Lie No. 50. Among the absurd rumors is one that the United States proposes to confiscate money on deposit in banks.

(The absurdity of this statement is obvious on its face. This rumor is wholly without foundation, and probably circulated for an evil purpose. Secretary McAdoo has issued a statement that the government "has no power to confiscate the money of depositors in banks.")

Lie No. 51. From E. L., a St. Louisian, comes word that he was listening to a conversation the other day, when someone remarked: "You never hear of Morgan or Schwab any more because they were killed three months ago."

(Morgan and Schwab are still transacting business at the old stand.)

Lie No. 52. A reader at Christopher, Ill., tells the Republic that it is a common story thereabouts that money contributed to the Y. M. C. A. is not used for the benefit of soldiers, but is turned into a fund for the suppression of liquor making and saloons.

(There is no truth in the story, naturally. All money contributed to the Y. M. C. A.'s war fund is used in making life more comfortable for the men at the front. It is used in establishing "huts" for the soldiers. If you want more proof of this, ask the first soldier you meet.)

Lie No. 53. The Shelby County Chapter of the American Red Cross, located at Shelbyville, Mo., says this report is circulated there: That socks which Red Cross workers knit for the soldiers are thrown aside as quickly as a hole appears in them; that soldiers are not permitted to

wear mended hose.

(This is not a difficult story to answer, but the answer must not be misconstrued. Soldiers are not permitted to wear mended socks while they are on an active tour of duty. It is readily understood that no man could hike any distance at all were he wearing mended socks. However, soldiers who receive socks from the Red Cross nurse them tenderly and make them last as long as they will possibly hold together. Never fear, Shelbyville, that American soldiers waste anything given them.)

Lie No. 54.—B. Schwartz, 1330 North Newstead avenue, says he overheard a conversation the other day in which it was stated as a fact that an American transport had been sunk and that the mother of a soldier aboard wrote Secretary Baker and asked for information, that Secretary Baker replied: "Don't worry; your son is lying safely at the bottom of the sea." (It is understood at once what the effect of such a story would be on a mother's mind—a mother whose son is overseas or is about to go. But there is no truth in the story at all. Secretary Baker is human, and would not reply to a letter in such a flippant manner. Relatives of all men who lose their lives in the service are immediately notified. No effort at secrecy in a case of this kind.)

Lie No. 55.—From a St. Louis source comes this one: That a German doctor in the United States Army at Camp Bowie, Tex., used spinal meningitis serum instead of typhoid serum, sending 1,400 men to the hospital, and that he was shot for it the latter part of last week.

(Col. F. P. Reynolds, Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D. C., had this to say of the report: "It is most absurd and one of the wildest stories I have yet heard.")

Lie No. 56.—Virgil A. Duff of Pearl, Ill., classes this one, which he sent yesterday, as the "biggest lie of them all": That drafted soldiers at the cantonments will not be permitted arms or ammunition during their training because they would rebel and kill their officers.

(Duff wasn't far wrong about the size of this lie, but it is self contradictory. If drafted men will rebel in cantonments while training and can not be permitted to handle firearms or ammunition, what will prevent them from doing the same thing when they have completed their course of instruction?)

Lie No. 57.—Esta York, Elkhaville, Jackson County, Ill., wants to know if there is any truth in the report that President Wilson would seize all hogs in the country, even those which farmers raise to kill for home consumption.

(By no means is there any truth in the report. It is pure German propaganda, nothing more.)

Lie No. 58.—A Benton, Ill., reader sends The Republic a clipping from his home paper, which, under glaring headlines, devotes half a column to a story to the effect that German prisoners are so well fed that

women living in the cities nearby are up in arms because of waste and the class of food served. He says this particular story is a fair sample of the news this paper prints weekly, in a community of German folk.

(It is not denied by Washington that German prisoners in America are well fed. They are. But there is no waste, and the women living near the camps are not up in arms because of either the food served or the waste which the Benton paper says is so apparent.)

Lie No. 59.—Propagandists are circulating a story that boys in the cantonments are not permitted to see home newspapers, so they cannot tell what is going on in their home towns or in the world in general.

(Quite naturally, there is no truth in this story. The Republic is able to nail this lie. This paper circulates freely in cantonments and at training camps.)

Lie No. 60.—This story was freely circulated last week: That men at Camp Funston are so poorly cared for and are so despondent because of their unwillingness to serve in the army that they and their lives by throwing themselves under trains.

(This is so plainly a lie that denial is not necessary. However, soldiers on permission in St. Louis say their fare is excellent and their treatment also. No deaths can occur in the camps, without the news becoming known immediately. Newspaper correspondents at the camps do not report any such loss of life.)

Lie No. 61.—Mrs. S. of Farmington, Mo., says that it is common gossip in that section that half of all the funds pledged to the Red Cross in America will be given by the Government to the Catholics.

(The Government isn't interested in religion just now. Its principal business is carrying on the war. No money, no matter what source it comes from, is given to any religious sect. The Government is not touching a nickel of Red Cross money.)

Lie No. 62.—A young woman at Clinton, Mo., writes that it has been difficult to secure signers for the Hoover Food Pledges there because of "bunk" being circulated to prevent it. Children are told not to sign the cards, because they will be sent to Germany to work for prisoners, or sent to an army post to do farm work.

(Of course there is no truth in either report. It is pro-German sentiment seeking to discount war preparations in America which is responsible for this sort of thing.)

Lie No. 63.—Here is one of the worst lies yet brought to the attention of The Republic: That German spies in the government printing office have injected bacteria of one form or another into the Liberty Bonds, which in the course of a few months leaves them a dirty gray piece of flimsy paper which crumbles at the slightest touch. Because of this lie, farmers in the vicinity of Rensburg, Ill., are afraid to invest in the Bonds.

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