

## WILL PUBLISH SECRET LETTERS PROVING PLOT

Secret Correspondence Shows  
German-Magyar Conspiracy  
Against the Throne  
of Austria.

NEW YORK, March 28.—George Creel, former chairman of the committee on public information, made public here last night a summary of the secret correspondence of Count Czernin, late foreign minister of Austria-Hungary, which was turned over to Edgar Sisson at Prague by the custodian official of the Bohemian government on Jan. 24 last. One of the most sensational of the disclosures was that there was a German-Magyar conspiracy against the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir apparent to the throne of Austria, who was assassinated at Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, because he was considered a rival of the then Emperor William.

Mr. Creel said Mr. Sisson accepted the privilege of using the correspondence in behalf of the United States government. Translators and a photographer in the service of the committee on public information were set at work to translate the documents for general publication in this country as the final public contribution of the committee, according to Creel. He declared one copy was to be turned over to Sec'y of State Lansing for use at the peace conference, while another was to be sent to the committee at Washington for release to the press. He added that Mr. Lansing's copy undoubtedly was in his hands and that the copy for the press probably was on its way to this country.

In a report to Mr. Sisson on the scope of the letters, Capt. Immanuel Voska, U. S. A., head of the Prague bureau of the committee on public information, said:

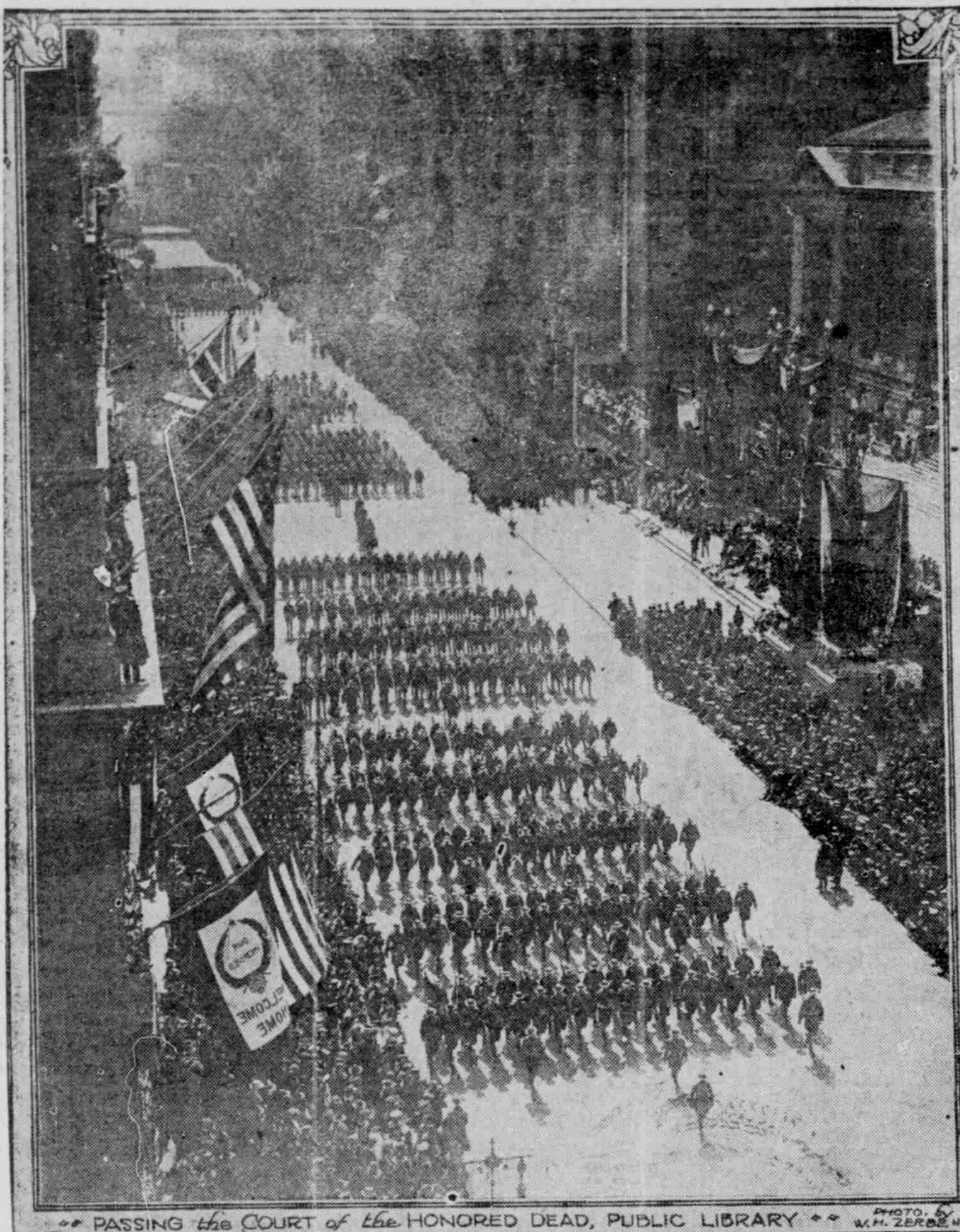
**Planned Break with Germany.**  
"From the documents and letters it will be shown that Francis Ferdinand was working on building up a strong Austria which would eventually emancipate itself from the influence of Berlin. This was blocking Berlin's plan for expansion toward the east and the Berlin government came to an understanding with the Budapest government to offset the plans of Francis Ferdinand."

"From one of the letters it is evident that the German emperor's son, Eitel Frederick, was selected to study the Magyar language and to make friends of the Magyar nobility."

**No Conspiracy in Serbia.**  
"Although no positive proof was found from the documents on hand as to the conspiracy to kill Archduke Francis Ferdinand, it is sufficiently evident that there was no conspiracy in Serbia for that purpose. The archduke was rather a friend of Serbia in hatred of the Magyars, as the know of the conspiracy between the Berlin and the Budapest governments."

"It is shown from the letters that when Aehrenthal (Austro-Hungarian foreign minister), annexed Bos-

## Brilliant Reception for Valiant Members of 27th



NEW YORK HAD KEPT THE HOME FIRES BURNING FOR HER SONS WHO HAD KEPT THE FAITH. CROWNED WITH MARTIAL HONORS, SAFE IN THE HOME GLOW OF THE GREAT COSMOPOLITAN HEARTHSTONE, THE BELOVED BOYS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DIVISION NESTLED CLOSE TO THE HEART OF THEIR GRATEFUL COMMONWEALTH. THEY WERE FÊTED, THEY WERE CHEERED, THEY WERE HAPPY, THEY WERE PROUD OF THE MONSTER RECEPTION ACCORDED THEM. THE ACCOMPANYING PICTURE SHOWS THE MONSTER PARADE OF TROOPS PASSING THE COURT OF HONORED DEAD, AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN FIFTH AVENUE.

nia in 1909, and Serbia protested through Russia and was supported by England, Count Czernin had an audience with Francis Ferdinand. The latter was against war with Serbia as the powers would say 'Halt,' after Serbia was overthrown and nothing would be in such a war. But Count Hoesendoff, the chief of staff, was strongly for war. The Austro-Hungarian general staff was strongly under the influence of the German general staff.

"It is also shown:  
(1) That a strong centralized Austria under Francis Ferdinand was too strong a barrier against German expansion toward the far east. Francis Ferdinand started to centralize his power first with the crea-

tion of a 'ministry of the imperial court' of which the intention was to offset Magyar power.

**Oppose Electoral Right.**

"(2) That there was a strong opposition against the direct, secret and common electoral right for Austria and Hungary.

"(3) That there was a fusion of all aristocrats and landlords in Austria and Hungary for the support of the emperor against peoples rights and social democrats, Feudalism and despotism was supposed to return under Francis Ferdinand. The emperor and the aristocrats with other landlords wanted to rule. In Hungary, Count Tisza and a certain Mr. Kristoffy were the secret supporters

of Francis Ferdinand through Count Czernin. Other Hungarian aristocrats, according to documents, were pro-German and called 'rebels' by Francis Ferdinand.

"Again Francis Ferdinand was a danger to the German emperor and his aspirations. Emperor William feared and hated the Slavs, but liked the Magyars. He said that Francis Ferdinand was too rabid toward the Magyars and tried to influence him. Too Stupid to See Real Cause.

"A way via German Austria and Hungary to the far east was natural, as the Magyars had aspirations for Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Magyars with a German prince as their king (Eitel Frederick) would have been the best allies of William II. And the pro-German and pro-war Austrian general staff, with Count Hoesendoff at its head, is another connecting link with the aspirations of the Germans in the far east. The war has proved all this. The old Austrian emperor and Emperor Charles were too stupid to see the real cause of the war and the aims of the Germans and the Magyars.

"There are in the letters interesting details of political talks of Count Czernin and Emperor William in Kiel in 1906. William said: 'All Europe has to unite economically against America.' It may interest you to be informed that Count Czernin is still working with ex-Emperor Charles for the reestablishment of the Hapsburg throne. The documents we have on hand will make both emperors, German as well as Austrian, absolutely impossible among their own people when they are published. They will expose the intrigues of the Hapsburgs against the German imperial family, as well as the intrigues of Emperor William against the Hapsburgs."

Mr. Creel added this comment: "It is only fair to the Magyars that the Magyar portion of the conspiracy was engineered by German-controlled nobles, all of whom are repudiated and exiled when Karolyi came to power."

## MONEYS HATE WATER; SAFE ON ISLAND

By United Press: NEW ORLEANS, March 28.—A monkey detests water. There are no Annette Kellermans among the Simians. A monkey refuses to cross a stream.

These characteristics have given birth to a new idea in the minds of members of the Audubon Park commission here, with the result that a monkey island will be established in the center of the lake at Audubon Park.

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