

War Department is Perturbed About an Alleged Spy in Army

Recruiting Officer at Indianapolis Advised Department That he Has Papers Accusing George Peters of Being an Austrian Secret Agent.

This is The First Case to Come Under New Law Passed by The Last Congress—Young Lady Filed Affidavit Against the Accused Man.

Washington, Aug. 7.—For the first time in many years the war department today is perturbed over the case of an alleged spy in the army.

Captain James Watson, the army recruiting officer at Indianapolis has advised the department that he holds affidavits accusing private George Peters of being an Austrian secret agent.

This is the first case coming under the law passed at the last session of congress to prevent the disclosure of national defense secrets. This act is very broad in its provisions and applicable to all attempts to secure military information improperly.

It is not believed the charges, if well founded, indicate that the Austrian government is actively engaged in the present future hostilities with America.

One of the papers in possession of Captain Watson is an affidavit of Miss Clara A. Dyer, who had previously inquired about obtaining Peters' release from the army.

Miss Dyer claims she met Peters on an ocean liner en route from Europe last September and later during a visit of Peters to her home at Philadelphia.

Fort Totten, N. Y., Aug. 7.—The commandant at Fort Totten said that he had received no information regarding private George Peters of the 135th coast artillery whom Miss Clara Anita Dyer, of Indianapolis, is said to have accused as a spy in the employment of the Austrian government.

ENGLISHMAN ARRESTED BY GERMANS AS A SPY.

Bremen, Aug. 7.—Accused of a daring and successful attempt to spy out the strength of German fortifications on the North sea coast, an Englishman said to be an officer of the British yeomanry, was arrested here today.

American Flags Ordered Out.

London, Ont., Aug. 7.—Because American flags were ordered out of the civic decorations, less than 200 Chicago "Old Boys" have come to the reunion in this city while at least 800 were expected.

Plans for Panama Exposition.

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—President Charles C. Moore, of the Panama Pacific Exposition, has telegraphed the President Taft asking that the president turn the first clod of earth marking the beginning of actual construction of the 1915 exposition.

Championship Tennis Matches

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 7.—Play in the tournament for the national clay tennis championship got well under way today. Nearly every one of the 120 players entered was on hand when play in the second preliminary round was called.

M. H. Long, of San Francisco, national clay court champion, will not defend his title and the cup will go to the winner of the finals.

Joint Statehood Resolution Offered

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The joint resolution providing for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico into the sisterhood of states, was taken up by the senate today.

The Nelson substitute requires the electors of Arizona to vote that provision out of the document as a "fundamental condition" of admission.

Senator Poindexter, of Washington, declared it was "a travesty on self-government to try to compel the people of Arizona to adopt a constitution which they themselves do not want, but which the people of other states think they should have."

DEADLOCK BETWEEN UNDERWOOD AND LAFOLLETTE

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 7.—That a deadlock exists between Senator LaFollette and Representative Underwood on the wool and free list tariff bills, was reported today.

ANOTHER LIAR WAS CALLED TO STAND

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 7.—When former Representative H. J. C. Beckmeyer, who claims he was paid for voting for Lorimer, was turned over for cross-examination before the senate Lorimer committee, Attorney Haney, for Senator Lorimer, said:

"When Charles A. White and Detective Turner came to you to verify the stories the Chicago Tribune was going to print, you told them you had received no money from Lee O'Neil Brown or Robert E. Wilson, didn't you?"

"Yes, sir," replied Beckmeyer.

"And in doing so you lied?"

"Yes, sir."

Charges Against Robert Dowe.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Numerous charges against Robert W. Dowe, collector of customs at Eagle Pass, Texas, will be reviewed by President Taft, during the Mexican revolution, representatives of the Madero faction charged that Collector was partial to the Diaz government in enforcing the neutrality laws.

FATE OF COMBS NOW RESTS WITH JURY

Special to The News.

Statesville, N. C., Aug. 7.—The Combs wife murder case will probably go to the jury by the middle of the afternoon. Saturday afternoon was given to the examination of witnesses for the state who testified as to Combs' mental ability as against witnesses who testified for the defense in the forenoon along the same line.

The case was closed late Saturday afternoon and J. H. Burke spoke for the prosecution. H. P. Grier began his argument for the defense Saturday evening and concluded this morning.

FUNERAL OF MR. CROWELL.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 7.—The funeral of C. B. Crowell, a prominent druggist in Raleigh for 10 years and who died suddenly Sunday afternoon was conducted from the Presbyterian church this afternoon.

POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORIES.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Postmaster General Hitchcock today designated fifty additional postal savings depositories, in nineteen states to begin operations September 4.



AT THE SEASIDE THIS SUMMER. As most of us imagine it, and as it really is.

KING GEORGE HAD COVERED AMER. CLAIMS

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 7.—A decidedly unique feature of the Alsop claims against Chili, decided in favor of the United States, was the fact that the Chilean government, in advance of the decision of the arbitrator, King George, deposited in London the full amount of the American claims amounting to \$1,500,000.

The arbitration worked with unexpected smoothness and celerity and although it was initiated less than a year ago, the decision was rendered July 12th. last.

STANLEY ENCOURAGED OVER PROGRESS MADE

By Associated Press.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Congressman A. O. Stanley, of Kentucky, chairman of the house committee which is investigating the United States Steel corporation, called at Sagamore Hill late yesterday to pay his respects to Colonel Roosevelt and was keenly disappointed not to find the ex-president at home.

MUTILATED BODY OF WOMAN IDENTIFIED.

By Associated Press.

Denver, Col., Aug. 7.—The mutilated body of a woman found on the ranch of N. J. Johnson, in Jefferson county last Friday, has been identified as that of Mrs. Maria Laguardia, an old Italian woman who disappeared from Denver last September.

POULTRY CONVENTION OPENS.

By Associated Press.

Denver, Col., Aug. 7.—With 400 delegates representing 25 state associations and a total combined membership of 5,000, the 36th. annual convention of the American Poultry Association opened here this morning.

OFFICIAL CHOLERA REPORT.

By Associated Press.

Chiasso, Switzerland, Aug. 7.—The official report of the Italian government on the cholera situation shows that from July 27 to July 31 inclusive, there were throughout the kingdom of Italy a total of 802 cases and 319 deaths.

TWO SCALDED WHEN FREIGHT HIT A SWITCH

Special to The News.

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 7.—Two men were scalded to death and two were seriously injured when a passenger train on the Seaboard Air Line plunged through an open switch and struck a freight train on a siding near here today.

Special to The News.

Funeral of Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald is held today.

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 7.—The funeral of Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, of the Southern Methodist church, who died Saturday afternoon at Monticello, Tenn., will be held here this afternoon.

By Associated Press.

London, Aug. 7.—Several thousand railway men quit work today at Liverpool and Manchester, demanding an advance in wages and shorter hours.

By Associated Press.

Condition of John W. Gates.

Paris, Aug. 7.—Those attending John W. Gates reported today that the financier had had a good night and that his general condition was unchanged.

By Associated Press.

Mrs. White Will Recover, But is Badly Hurt

Special to The News.

Kanuga Lake, Aug. 7.—Please state in today's paper that Mrs. White had a satisfactory night and shows some improvement, and that doctors are hopeful as to her recovery.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADER TO-DAY OCCUPIES CAPITOL

By Associated Press.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Aug. 7.—Cincinnatus Leconte, the revolutionary leader, is occupying the capital today after his triumphant entry yesterday.

Antoine Simon Comes in New York, Aug. 7.—Antoine Simon, son of the deposed president of Hayti, with six officials of the negro republic who fled from the troubles there, came into port today on board the steamer Altemania from Port au Prince.

By Associated Press.

Youngster Scared Away Burglar

By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 7.—Alfred May, a lusty lunged five-year-old boy from San Francisco saved the home of his uncle on West Sixty-first street from burglary early today.

By Associated Press.

When Will Congress Adjourn?

Washington, Aug. 7.—Leaders of both houses of congress today figured an adjournment of congress between August 15 and 19.

By Associated Press.

Watermelons Weigh 68 1/2 Pounds.

By Associated Press.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 7.—Governor Blease has received from George Kay of Honea Path, a watermelon weighing 68 1/2 pounds, which is six pounds heavier than the Georgia melon, christened "Hoke Smith" which was recently received at the White House.

Water Board Issues Statement to Public Of Wide Interest

Strikers Would Terminate Strike

By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 7.—The striking Brooklyn street car motormen and conductors announced today that they would call on Mayor Gaylor soon as he would see them and efforts terminate the strike which already has resulted in much rioting.

The routes traversed by the two lines affected were heavily patrolled by police today, officers riding on each car that the company attempted to run.

Normal Conditions in Des Moines

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 7.—Normal conditions existed in Des Moines today. With street car traffic resumed and every street car in the entire system of the city running on schedule time, there were no surface indications that there had been a strike at all.

Strike Leader Patrick J. Shea is quoted as saying that the union can raise more than \$200,000 to support the members while conducting the strike.

There was little or no violence in the early hours of today. The company started eight cars early but they carried few passengers and their progress was slow and cautious.

Carolina Mill Men to Appear Before Committee

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Contrary to expectation, the cotton mill men of North and South Carolina, who are expected to appear before the senate committee on finance in opposition to the cotton tariff reduction bill, failed to arrive today, and the meeting of the committee was postponed.

By Associated Press.

Reapportionment Bill Goes To President

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The reapportionment bill passed by both houses, providing for an increase from 391 to 433 in the membership of the house of representatives, was sent to President Taft today for his approval.

By Associated Press.

William Obeare Appointed.

Atlanta, Aug. 7.—William G. Obeare was appointed assistant general of Georgia this morning by Governor Smith. The office of quartermaster general, which he held for several years, was abolished.

Not Intention of Board to Hold Secret Meetings — Board Thought Best not to Discuss River Matter Publicly Until Options were Secured.

By Associated Press.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 7th 1911. At a meeting of the board of water commissioners of the city of Charlotte, held in the office of the Supt., at 10 o'clock a. m., August 7th, 1911, with the following members present, Messrs. R. K. Blair, D. P. Hutchison and J. A. Jones (all except Mr. C. B. Bryant, who is out of the city) the clerk and treasurer was authorized to publish the following statement, in order that the public may be fully advised of the conditions:

1st. It is not, or never has been, the intention of the board of water commissioners to hold secret sessions, but until the full details shall have been completed as to just what route is the most advantageous and the most economical to the Catawba River, and just what point on the said river is the most desirable for the establishing of a pumping station all of which is ordinary work—the board desires to reserve this information especially until options are obtained from owners of the land.

2nd. The board invited bids from consulting engineers and appointed a time for the opening of same at which meeting there were present 15 bidders and the board with all members present after carefully hearing the propositions from each bidder, voted unanimously in favor of accepting Mr. Gilbert White's bid, which was the lowest, and also in view of the fact that Mr. White agreed to personally prepare the plans and specifications, and move his office to Charlotte, in order that he might closely watch the very minutest details in connection with the work, and see that the plans and specification approved by the board are carried out to the letter. The bid of Mr. White, is the following:

Compensation for self, \$4,000.00. Board to pay assistants, expenses, \$1,800.00. One inspector, \$720.00. One inspector, \$720.00. One inspector, \$360.00. Incidental engineering expenses, \$500.00. Additional to be spent in engineering, \$600.00. Total, \$8,700.00.

Before awarding the contract to Mr. White the board of water commissioners were furnished with letters of recommendation as to his character and ability as a consulting engineer by some of the very best business and municipal officials in this and other states who had employed his as consulting engineer in the construction of water plants.

The board of water commissioners also requested that the board of aldermen have a meter reader and inspector appointed.

They also wish it stated that the water conditions are not very materially changed, and to request that the public refrain from using water for sprinkling lawns, washing automobiles and bugles, and also for building purposes, until an adequate supply is obtained, which they are endeavoring to have accomplished within the very shortest time possible.

BOARD WATER COMMISSIONERS. PRESIDENT TIRED — A SPECIAL TRAIN

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 7.—To keep the third engagement he had made to speak at the Mountain Lake Park, Md., chautauqua, President Taft hired a special train today, got into his private car and left Washington at 8 o'clock. Before he returns tonight the president will have traveled four hundred miles.

All the way to Mountain Lake Park and much of the way back the president intended to devote himself to keeping the wheels of the administration turning. In his private car with all the facilities for messages, letters or opinions, the president can save the minutes of daylight, though it will cost a few hundred dollars more.

By Associated Press.

New Magazine For The South

Atlanta, Aug. 7.—Another new and interesting magazine has made its appearance in the south. It will be called "The Savings Depositor" and will be published monthly, treating on financial subjects, by the Hillier Trust Company of this city.

Volume No. 1, has appeared as the August issue and has much material of general interest. It is not intended exclusively for readers technically interested in banking, but rather for all business people.