

LOOKING FOR SPIES IN THE CAPITAL

WORK OF THOSE OFFICIALS WHO GUARD WASHINGTON HAS BECOME ONEROUS.

50,000 WORKERS IN CITY

Navy Yards, Bridges, Army Depots, Capitol Building and All Other Vital Points Must Be Protected Against Enemy Machinations.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

Washington.—Washington today is a zone forbidden to the trespassing feet of the alien enemy.

The capital of the country is the largest district thus far set aside as one in which no alien enemy over the age of fourteen years may loiter or reside.

Perhaps the country has no adequate conception of the trying work it is for the government officials to guard this city against the insidious machinations and overt acts of men who would like to see the United States lose the war in which it is engaged.

It must be remembered that not alone must navy yards and bridges and army depots and camps be guarded, but every department of government, indoors and out, must be sentinelled against the intrusion of the spy and the dynamiter.

So far as the safety of the country is concerned, it is largely connected with the safety of its diplomatic and military secrets.

Recently 20,000 additional workers have come to Washington to take places in the departments of government.

There must be guarded the 30,000 workers that were here before, and so now the agents of the San have intrusted to them the difficult work of detecting in the multitude the few men or the women who, masquerading as friends, are doing the enemy's work.

Money has Bought Spies. It has been proved on several occasions since the United States went to war with Germany that money has been used to secure the spying services of individuals who, because of native birth or of naturalization, were supposed to be loyal to their country against all temptation.

There are bureaus in the war department today in which ten men are engaged at work where the work of only one man was necessary in the times of peace.

escing of effort would come and that matters would move more quickly to ward the end of war accomplishment.

The press has carried the word that the national council of defense has announced a new and large "co-ordinating body" to include seven members of the cabinet and the heads of the civilian boards which concern themselves with shipping, food, fuel and war industries.

In a statement made by the council of national defense this is said: "Since the Council of National Defense, composed of Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of the Interior Lane, Secretary of Agriculture Houston, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, and Secretary of Labor Wilson, represents the military aims of the government, as well as those federal executive departments dealing most directly with the vital resources of the nation, this large co-ordinating body will work toward unification of the machinery necessary in the prosecution of the war."

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There is another matter of co-ordination of work which is not taken into consideration in connection with this effort to secure harmony and a systematizing of effort by means of a high American war council in Washington.

Bureaus Need Attention, Too. Things cannot move smoothly nor quickly anywhere along the line which runs from the top of things to the bottom of things unless the rough places below be smoothed as well as the rough places above.

The different branches of the war department have been run for years along certain well defined lines.

Porcelain, Feather, Fur Money. Porcelain money is used in Burma and Siam; and feather money, manufactured from the short red feathers from beneath the wings of a species of parrot, is the ordinary currency of the Santa Cruz islands.

Heel Not to Bear Weight. The weight of the body must never be borne on the heels.

Keep Grapes Fresh for Months. Grapes can be kept fresh for several months by inserting their stems through the corks of glass bottles, filling these with water, pressing the corks firmly in, sealing them if necessary with paraffin and inverting the bottles on wooden racks in a cool, dark cellar.

MEANS 'NOT GUILTY' IS VERDICT OF JURY

TRIAL AT CONCORD LASTED THREE WEEKS AND ATTRACTED NATION-WIDE INTEREST.

G. B. MEANS AGAIN FREE MAN

Judge Cline's Order Prevents Any Demonstration Taking Place—Means Spends Day at Father's Home and Visiting Boyhood Scenes.

Concord, N. C.—Gaston B. Means, acquitted of the charge of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, for which he had been on trial the last three weeks, spent Sunday a free man with his family at the home of his father, and going about the streets of Concord, his boyhood home, receiving the greetings and congratulations of friends.

All was quiet and orderly until after court had adjourned sine die at the judge's order.

Defendant Released. Judge Frank Osborne, of counsel for the defense, then asked Solicitor Clement if he had any further charge against the defendant and the solicitor answered "I have not."

WAR MISSION IS HOME FROM ITS EUROPEAN TRIP. New York.—What the American mission was sent to accomplish in the inter-allied war conference in Paris "has been successfully and satisfactorily done."

HOT STATEMENT Y MR. HOOVER AGAINST SPRECKELS. Washington.—Charges made by Claus Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, before a senate investigating committee that the food administration is responsible for a sugar shortage drew from Food Administrator Hoover a vigorous attack on Mr. Spreckels.

GERMANS USED WIRELESS ON SHIP AS BAND PLAYED. Honolulu.—While the ship's band was playing lively tunes to drown out all fall-tale sounds, the wireless apparatus of the German cruiser, Geier, while interned in this harbor, relayed messages between German agents in the United States and Japan in furtherance of a plot to embroil the two countries in war.

ALLIES ARE MAKING A STEADY ADVANCE

NEARING GOAL DESPITE SOME UNTOWARD CIRCUMSTANCES SAYS LLOYD GEORGE.

DARKEST HOUR IS JUST NOW

Because Russia Has Quit and Gone Into Revolution and America is Just Coming In—Every Passing Hour is Brighter.

London.—That steady progress towards the desired goal is being made by the allies, despite some untoward occurrences, is the firm conviction of Premier Lloyd George, as declared.

America is In. "If the Russian democracy has decided to abandon the struggle against military autocracy the American democracy is taking it up."

Germany's victories were emblazoned to the world, the premier said, but her troubles did not appear in bulletins.

UNITED STATES GUARD IS NAME SELECTED. Auxiliary Force of Troops Will Number 25,000.

Washington.—The United States guard will be the name of the 25,000 auxiliary force of troops, authorized by the war department, to supplement state and other forces now guarding war supplies, war industries and, doing police duty essential to the conduct of the war.

Is Darkest Hour. "If this is the worst moment, it is because Russia has stepped out and America is only preparing to come in."

WAR RESOLUTION IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED. Havana.—The senate unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that a state of war between Cuba and Austria-Hungary exists.

TWO LIGHTLESS NIGHT FOR EVERY WEEK ORDERED. City White Ways and Advertising Signs Must be Darkened Sunday and Thursday Nights.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS KILLED BY HUN BOMBS. With the American Army in France, a number of American railway engineers have been killed by German aerial bombs.

ARE NOT EXPECTED TO RESIST TAX IMPOSITION. Louisville, Ky.—Collection by the State of Kentucky, without a contest, of approximately \$2,000,000 in inheritance taxes on the estate of the late Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham.

COZIER DENIES ANY DELAY IN EQUIPING

ADMITTS THAT TROOPS HAD BEEN SUPPLIED WITH FRENCH MACHINE GUNS.

LACK OF GUNS IN CAMPS

Responsibility Rests on Secretary Baker. Training of New Army Will Not Be Seriously Retarded on Account of Equipment.

Washington.—Leaders of the senate military committee subjected Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, to three hours of sharp cross-examination, seeking explanation of delays in providing the war army with weapons.

Throughout the examinations General Crozier insisted that there had been and would be no delay in equipping soldiers sent abroad.

Neither am I satisfied, responded the witness, "but I am not personally responsible."

Chairman Chamberlain took exception to the conclusions drawn from General Crozier's testimony that congress, by failing to make prompt appropriations, and labor troubles, were largely responsible for the delay.

President Wilson has signed the order for organization of the force and further orders were going out from the war department.

President Discriminates in Favor of Austro-Hungarians. Washington.—Austro-Hungarian subjects in the United States, most of the million or more of whom are laborers and are loyal to the allied war cause, will suffer few restrictions as a result of war between the lands of their birth and adoption.

NEW HOUSE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS APPROVED. Washington.—New house committee assignments were approved at separate caucuses of democrats and republicans, subject to acceptance at the regular session.

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SNOW HELPS HALT AUSTRO-GERMANS

AIDS ITALIANS IN HOLDING POSITIONS.—REGAIN SOME LOST TERRITORY.

STRONG OFFENSIVE IN WEST

General Allenby Occupies Jerusalem. Bolsheviki Forces Reported to Have Attained Heavy Losses in Fighting With Cossacks.

The Germans, following their heavy artillery preparations of recent days, have attempted to drive a wedge into the British line west of Cambrai, but although they used numerically superior forces, their effort brought them only a minor gain.

The attack, launched between Bullecourt and Queant, was similar to that adopted by Crown Prince Rupprecht's troops when they pierced General Byng's front southwest of Cambrai nearly two weeks ago and caused a retirement of the British on the salient General Byng previously had driven toward Cambrai.

As in their previous attempt to wreck the Cambrai salient, the Germans lost heavily, the British moving them down with machine gun and rifle fire in the fighting, which lasted from dawn until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Notwithstanding their failure, the Germans are keeping up an intensive bombardment of British and French positions all along the western front and daily are receiving additional reinforcements in men and guns from the eastern theater.

Snow is falling heavily in the mountains along the northern Italian front, and optimism prevails among the Italians that this will aid them definitely in holding the Austro-Germans back from the Italian plain.

General Allenby, commander of the British forces in Palestine, has entered Jerusalem and taken over control of the Holy City.

RESTRICTIONS ARE VERY FEW SAYS PRESIDENT. President Discriminates in Favor of Austro-Hungarians.

Our money cannot buy bread and meat in Europe for our allies for there is little to buy. We must give them food—REAL food. To do this we must conserve by substitution.

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ASSIST TAX PAYERS MAKE OUT FORM

TWENTY-FIVE DEPUTIES WILL AID INCOME TAXPAYERS IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

INSTRUCTION FOR DEPUTIES

Before Sending Officials Out School Will be Held in Raleigh—Fifteen in Western District.

Raleigh.—Revenue Collector Bailey will place about twenty-five deputies in the field January 1 to assist taxpayers in the eastern district of North Carolina in the work of filling out income tax forms and making the returns to the office.

Before sending these officials to help the payers, Collector Bailey will hold a school of instruction in his office for the benefit of the deputies who will be sent throughout the eastern district.

The government recognizes, Collector of Internal Revenue J. W. Bailey said, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income.

Car Men Get Raise. Wilmington.—What is believed to be the final chapter in the differences between employees and management of the Tidewater Power company, the local street railway concern, which reached such an acute stage about a year ago when several companies of state militia were sent here during a strike of the street car employees, has been written.

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