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BOXES OF SPY'S PAPERS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE

Alleged German Agent on Way From Richmond Will Face Serious Charge—Tried to Set Fire to Army Magazine Near Norfolk. Brother Also Held

By the Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Jan. 15.—Walter Spormann, who was arrested near Harrison, Va., on the charge of attempting to set fire to the army magazine near that place, and who was brought to Richmond and held in the city jail until this morning, is being taken to Washington this afternoon in charge of United States marshals and from there presumably will be carried to Baltimore.

SPY'S BOXES SEIZED

By the Associated Press. Baltimore, Jan. 15.—Two large boxes filled with papers belonging to Lieut. Walter Spormann, alleged German spy arrested at Norfolk and understood to be on his way to Baltimore, were seized today by the officers.

The papers were found in the room of Marcus Asch, 31 years old, a German enemy alien. At the office of United States Marshal Chas. H. Stockholm, Asch said that Spormann approached him the latter part of last March and asked him to take charge of two boxes. He declared he did not know their contents.

Frederick C. Spormann, a brother of Walter Spormann, was taken into custody. He was technically charged with violating the president's proclamation by changing his residence without notifying the authorities.

COTTON CONSUMPTION DURING DECEMBER

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 15.—Cotton consumed during December amounted to 2,785,000 bales, according to the figures of the U. S. Bureau of Census, released today.

GIVEN THIRTY YEARS FOR KILLING GREEK

By the Associated Press. Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 15.—Leon Stumm of Berkeley county, S. C., and Rose Edwards of Winston-Salem, who late yesterday submitted to a plea of second degree murder when they were arraigned for the killing of Angelus Moutos, a Greek restaurant keeper, here December 6 last, were today sentenced by Judge Connor to serve 30 years each in the state penitentiary.

MAJOR GARDNER'S BODY TO CAPITAL

By the Associated Press. Mason, Ga., Jan. 15.—Preparations were completed today to take to Washington the body of Maj. A. P. Gardner, former representative in Congress of the sixth Massachusetts district, who died of pneumonia at Camp Wheeler late yesterday.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT WHITE SCHOOLS

Hickory public schools resumed this morning after a long holiday vacation because of a shortage of coal with a good attendance. There was more or less confusion as to the opening date, and this accounts for many absences, it is believed. It was first planned to resume yesterday, but the severe weather caused the school authorities to postpone the opening another day.

The attendance at the three white schools was only 75 short of the normal, but the colored school was more than half off. Here are the figures for the four schools:

South	202
North	236
High	187
Total	625
Colored	96

FUEL SITUATION CONTINUES ACUTE

Hickory's escape from a serious coal famine is due to the hand to mouth policy practiced throughout the fall and winter, large customers being served by the local coal dealer out of the same measure as small customers. The coal on hand could have been sold a hundred times, but Manager Lyerly insisted on limiting deliveries and maintaining a supply.

The city has two carloads of coal now, but no wood. City Manager Ballew, who is also fuel administrator for Hickory, will have his teams on the job from now on and a supply will be available. Private dealers have been supplying families and there has been no actual suffering, it is declared. The city has supplied between 150 and 200 cords, and only 10 cords of this has gone to charity, practically all of the consumers being ready and anxious to pay.

VIEW OF BIG BUSINESS

Springfield Republican. The Republican has called attention so often to the scattered bits of evidence indicating that the powers of international finance had been cherishing hopes of an early end of the war through a restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France and compensation to Germany at the expense of Russia, that some further reference to this aspect of the situation is in order. Prices in the stock market rose after Lloyd George's speech, in which he left the Russians to stew in their own juice, and prices fell sharply immediately after President Wilson's address Tuesday, in which he declared that the Russian provinces should be evacuated by the enemy. If there had been any scheme for giving Germany a free hand in Russia in return for concessions in the west, Mr. Wilson, as the stock market instantly perceived, knocked it in the head.

Don't forget to see "Human Hearts" at the Hub tonight.

The weather Saturday night and Sunday was very cold here. Some say the thermometer was around zero again.—Catawba County News.

SPARTANBURG MILLS SHORT OF POWER

By the Associated Press. Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 15.—Lack of motive power to move trains on the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad is responsible for 60,000 tons of coal being tied up at the mines at Dante, Va., and as a result three local cotton mills have closed down and others will close tomorrow unless relief comes promptly.

BRITISH COMMAND HELD BLAMELESS

By the Associated Press. London, Jan. 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons today that as a result of Field Marshal Haig's inquiry, the general staff, the war cabinet and the government considered that the British command had not been surprised in the German counter attack at Cambrai November 30 and that the command had made all preparations.

NAON MAY RETURN AFTER VISIT HOME

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 15.—Ambassador Naon of Argentina who recently placed his resignation in the hands of the Buenos Aires foreign office, will sail for home this week and whether he will return as ambassador will depend on conferences with the president and foreign minister of Argentina.

BILL TO ENLARGE FOOD LAW TODAY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 15.—A bill enlarging the food administration's power by authorizing the president to issue regulations modifying, limiting, prohibiting the sale, use, manufacture or distribution by public eating places or by manufacturer, distributor or other person of food or feed material was introduced by Chairman Lever of the house agricultural committee contemporaneously with a similar bill in the senate by Senator Pomerene.

The bill is the result of a conference between Senator Pomerene, Representative Lever and the food administrator.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE IN ANNUAL SESSION

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Delegates from all parts of the state are gathered here today for the annual session of the North Carolina grand lodge of Masons, which convenes here tonight. The meeting this year finds Grand Master Claud L. Pridden of Wilmington in the military service of the nation, which is said to be the first time since 1812 a similar situation confronted the grand lodge of this state.

Mr. Pridden, who is a surgeon with rank of major in the North Carolina field artillery at Camp Sevier, is expected here today.

Featuring the opening session tonight will be addresses by Grand Master Pridden, Deputy Grand Master Geo. S. Norfleet of Winston-Salem and Governor Bickett.

TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS AT CAMP

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 15.—As a direct result of sentiment in the house over the death from pneumonia of former Representative Gardner at Camp Wheeler, Representative Gard of Ohio today introduced a resolution to direct the military committee to investigate camp conditions. Camp site selections, sufficiency of clothing, hospital facilities and treatment of sick soldiers are included in the resolution.

Many of Major Gardner's friends are supporting the resolution.

ANOTHER MENZIES BOY WILL JOIN ENGINEERS

When Mr. Charles Menzies decided he just had to join the 105th engineers at Camp Sevier, it seems that Mr. Donald Menzies, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Menzies, made up his mind to the same effect, and accordingly wired his father from Davidson College, where he has been a student. Mr. Menzies left Monday afternoon to join his son and accompany him to Camp Sevier to enlist if the young man desires to join.

Mr. Charles Menzies was accompanied to Greenville by Mr. John Cilley, who goes down to see his two sons.

BUILDING & LOAN COMPANIES TO MEET

Stockholders of the First Building and Loan Association will meet at the Chamber of Commerce tonight for the purpose of hearing the annual report of Secretary Wooten, electing officers and transacting other business of the meeting. No proxies will be sought for this meeting, and it is hoped that every stockholder will be on hand.

The stockholders of the Mutual Building and Loan Association will meet Thursday night in the Consolidated Bank building for the purpose of attending to annual business and Secretary Aiken urges a full attendance.

The most important asset of any city is the building and loan. By means of these associations the working man is able to save and buy. A home owner nearly every time is a better citizen than the fellow who is compelled to live in rented houses. That is not opinion; it is observation.

Stockholders will do well not to permit any minor matter to keep them away from these meetings.

FORMER FRENCH PREMIER IS ARRESTED

By the Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 15.—The arrest yesterday of former Premier Caillaux was due principally to a cablegram from Secretary Lansing at Washington in cable communication with the German foreign office.

LANSING IS MUM

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 15.—Secretary Lansing today refused to affirm or deny or comment on the foregoing dispatch from Paris. There seems to be no doubt, however that some such dispatch was intercepted in the Luxembourg papers.

Early today there was no immediate prospect of its being given to the public.

Secretary Lansing's cablegram stating that the American representative at Buenos Aires had been able to establish in 1915 that M. Caillaux had been in communication with the German foreign office through Count Luxburg with the object of concluding peace with Germany at any price so as to permit the resumption of business. It is understood the message will be published simultaneously in France and America.

ITALIANS STRIKE HARD BLOW MONDAY

By the Associated Press. Rome, Jan. 15.—By an attack in the Azzone region on the northern Italian front, the Italians have gained considerable advantages and inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy, the war office announces.

HICKORY BOY MAKES FRIEND IN FRANCE

An interesting story concerning Mr. John Aiken, an American aviator in France, has reached Hickory through a Mrs. Woodard of Pennsylvania whose son also is in France and whose machine alighted at a French farmhouse out of repair. It happens that Aviator Woodard was in a hospital in Philadelphia some time ago and that Miss Minnie Gwaltney nursed him. When he met John Aiken, Mr. Woodard learned of the residence of the Hickory boy and wrote to his mother, who in turn forwarded the letter to Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney of Hickory.

Mr. Woodard descended because of engine trouble. Pretty soon, Mr. Aiken, noting that a machine was down in a French farmyard, also descended and offered help. Introduction followed and a tie connecting the young men at once found. The two young men ate dinner together and have become warm friends.

Mr. Aiken wrote home several weeks ago and at that time he said he would receive his commission in about a week. By this time he is a regular flyer in France.

RUMANIAN MINISTER PLACED IN ARREST

By the Associated Press. London, Jan. 15.—The Rumanian minister at Petrograd and his entire staff have been arrested by the bolsheviks.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Jan. 15.—The cotton market had a quiet opening today with the bearish census figures had little effect on sentiment and first prices were three to 3 points higher. It was contended by bulls that the small census figures were easily explained by the fuel situation and the difficulties attending transportation.

The close was steady.

	Open	Close
January	31.75	31.25
March	31.40	31.25
May	31.05	30.90
July	30.75	30.55
October	29.55	29.30

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	31c
Wheat	\$2.40

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Fair and much colder tonight with a cold wave. Wednesday fair with strong west winds diminishing by Wednesday morning.

YARMOUTH AGAIN ATTACKED BY VESSELS

By the Associated Press. London, Jan. 15.—Yarmouth was bombed from the sea last night, it is announced officially. About 20 shells fell in the city. Three persons were killed and 10 persons injured.

Attacks by German naval forces on English coast towns of which there were a number early in the war have been infrequent in recent months.

Yarmouth is in the North sea, 165 miles northeast of London. This is a city of some 55,000 inhabitants, with shipbuilding as its principal industry.

FOOD IN NORWAY SHOWS INCREASE

By the Associated Press. London, Jan. 15.—The cost of the principal foods has increased more proportionately in Norway, since the war began, than in the United Kingdom, France or the United States, says the board of trade and Labor Gazette. The comparison shows the increase to have been 114 per cent in Norway, 105 per cent in the United Kingdom, 83 in France and 46 in the United States.

Some of the detailed increases, per cent in the United Kingdom are: Beef, 79 to 135 per cent; sugar 188; milk, 96; tea, 107; eggs, fresh, 239; butter, 99; fish, 191.

It is estimated that of all the items ordinarily entering into the family expenditure of workmen, including food, rent, clothing, fuel and light, the advance of pre-war times is about 85 per cent.

TO AMEND DRAFT LAW IN BILL TODAY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 15.—At the request of the war department today, Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee will introduce a bill for the registration for military duty of all men who have become 21 years old since June 5, 1917, when the draft law went into effect.

Another bill which Senator Chamberlain will introduce at the request of the administration will provide for furloughing national army men for service on the farms.

Another bill would put the quota of the states on the basis of available men in the first class instead of numbers.

In determining upon the registration of men who have become 21 since the draft law was enacted the war department has rejected any plan to raise the age limit of the draft act above 31 years.

The elders and deacons of the Presbyterian church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the church at 7:30 tonight.

Don't forget to see little Mary McAlister in "Pants" at the Pastime today.

MORE COLD HERE TONIGHT IS FORECAST

Just when it seemed that the weather has taken a turn for the better—and it had taken a slight turn—the Washington bureau announced the coming of a cold wave tonight. The forecast is for fair weather, with strong west winds diminishing by Wednesday.

The mercury registered 31 last night. The highest yesterday was 45 degrees and the lowest was 16. The ice and snow did not begin to melt much until the afternoon, but good water—when you think of the streams that need water to develop electric current and save coal.

The snow was mushy for a fact today and sloppy to boot. The Record's weather forecaster says the wave tonight will not be as bad here as in Canada and that by Thursday, when the winds diminish or practically cease, conditions will begin coming the right way.

DESTINIES OF GERMANY PASSING TO MILITARISTS

Pan-Germans Said to be Securing Control of Government—Turmoil Among Ruling Classes Intense—Few Military Operations Reported on Any Fronts Today.

AND BOLO PASHA OPERATED IN COSTA RICA

By the Associated Press. San Jose, Costa Rica.—In keeping with his financial operations as a German propagandist which resulted in his arrest in France and an international scandal growing out of his attempts to purchase or corrupt French newspapers in the interest of Germany, Bolo Pasha enjoyed a meteoric career in Costa Rica.

Having received a considerable reputation based largely on credit obtained from Costa Rica business men, Bolo became the apparent owner of a beautiful farm and handsome residence in the suburbs of Cartago. There he entertained on a lavish scale until he became enamored of a French actress lavished presents upon her and finally fled with her, leaving his creditors to seize his princely estate only to discover that it had not been paid for.

Bolo is said to have abandoned the actress in Colon, Panama, leaving her to mourn the loss of money and jewels.

Paul Bolo, as he was known here, came to Costa Rica posing as traveling salesman for important and well established manufacturing commercial firms in France. He was always seen well dressed, spoke several languages, had a most interesting conversation and good manners, was a gambler and quite fond of paying attention to women. He soon made numerous friends and being a plunger and hustler soon obtained and launched into business.

He became the owner of commissaries and stores at different places which he stocked full of goods purchased on credit from wholesale houses in this city. His business places soon boomed as the result of his locquacity and facility to make friends and once he had established a good trade for them he sold one by one at a good profit. In these transactions he foisted a very fine fact that when Bolo came to Costa Rica he did not have a farthing to his name.

In the purchase and sale of these places he made several thousand dollars but the climate of the Atlantic zone did not agree with him and he was often troubled with fever and malaria. Furthermore, his longing for the easy and apparently happy life of bar-rooms and hotels, enjoyed the company of beautiful women and numerous friends, spurred him constantly to come to this city.

A Colombian by the name of Mosquera, who lived on a banana farm quite close to one of the stores owned by Bolo, became his very close friend. Visiting his friend Bolo made the acquaintance of his daughter, a charming young girl of sixteen with whom at first sight he became infatuated. The girl was a rare specimen of tropical beauty, dark complexion, tall, slender, and graceful, her eyes as dark as night, and her cheeks as red as roses.

When Bolo was of women he immediately went crazy over the girl but "Old Man Mosquera"—as the father was generally called, an affectionate and faithful guardian—would not permit the marriage. Bolo, however, a veteran of many a Colombian revolution and a ready man to handle a razor, soon put a stop to the love affair.

Soon afterward Bolo sold out his stores in the Atlantic zone and took refuge in this city where he remained in hiding until he heard that Mosquera in turn had sold his properties and sailed for Colombia. Once Bolo had overcome his aversion and anxiety over Mosquera, he decided to engage in agricultural enterprises. This was in the latter part of the year 1896 and it was then that he purchased a beautiful farm, located in the suburbs of the city of Cartago and belonging to a wealthy Costa Rican.

One of Bolo's first steps was to build himself a palatial residence on the place and then actively proceed to start various cultivations. His residence was furnished in a princely way; the wine-room was stocked with the best of liquors, among which champagne was a common drink and frequently he invited his friends to spend a week with him after which this wine-room had to be restocked. He continued to increase his credit in this city and accordingly continued to improve his farm. He spent a part of the week there and a part of the week there. At the gambling places attended by the swiftest people, Bolo was always seen to be most fortunate. It has always been remarked that at gambling he won large sums of money in Costa Rica although in the same

By the Associated Press. Control of the destinies of the German empire, press accounts from neutral countries agree, is passing into the hands of the militarists or the leaders who want to hold what has been gained by might and the sword.

Chancellor von Hertling, the aged incumbent of the chief political office, is again reported ill and preparing to resign, while the militarists and pan-Germans are demanding the dismissal of Dr. von Kuehnemann, the foreign secretary, who has headed the German delegation at the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk.

In connection with the reported illness of the imperial chancellor, it is reported from Berlin that Count von Hertling's address before the main committee of the reichstag has been postponed for several days. It was reported that he was to answer Lloyd George and President Wilson Wednesday.

Coupled with these reports is the fact that the German emperor and crown prince have been holding conferences with the German military and political leaders. It is said also that the German ministers to Denmark and Holland have arrived unexpectedly at Berlin.

Indications are that the turmoil within German ruling class will result in the acceptance of a firm policy either favoring the militarists or the peaceful element, with the probability that the Pan-Germans will be victorious. The Socialist Vorwaerts believes a military dictatorship is in the making.

No explanation has been vouchsafed by either the Russians or Germans as to the reasons behind the temporary halt in the peace negotiations. Nor is it indicated why the conference will be resumed at Warsaw.

The winter idleness of the western and Italian fronts has not been broken by large forces. Raids by patrols have occurred here and there and the artillery breaks into violence now and then, but there is hardly anything in official statements that Germany's huge reserve of 1,600,000 men from the Russian front is about to strike.

easy way in which he made money he spent it.

At that time M. Aubry's Grand Opera troupe, especially contracted by the government for the inauguration of the National theatre in this city, arrived here. From the arrival of the troupe, Bolo made many friends among its members especially among the actresses who were paid every attention and frequently invited by him to parties and picnics which he especially organized. Bolo made himself famous for the costly gifts and presents which he gave many of the actresses.

On the day of the inauguration, Bolo, attired in a stylish and perfect fitting dress suit, surrounded by his friends and beaming in smiles, occupied one of the most prominent boxes at the theatre.

"Faust" was the opera sung the night of the inauguration and it was a grand success for all the members of Aubury's troupe. It was also on that eventful night that Bolo broke all previous records at a stately supper which he gave at a hotel in honor of the principal players.

Frequently when circumstances would permit, Bolo invited the members of the company to go to his farm and there would entertain them in such sumptuous fashion that people who attended these outings still say that there has never been anybody in Costa Rica who could entertain as he did on those occasions. For these outings he took orchestras from Cartago or San Jose. In the meantime, Bolo's credit and good luck were rapidly decreasing.

In spite of this fact, upon the arrival of Mademoiselle Lardinois, a noted and beautiful French actress who was brought to reinforce the company, Bolo gave her many valuable pieces of jewelry and continued his life as a lunatic and spendthrift.

The date for the departure of the opera troupe was rapidly approaching and as several of Bolo's creditors were becoming exigent and uneasy he decided to depart with the troupe and informed his creditors that he was taking a trip to France in order to make certain arrangements with the firms he represented. Bolo's excuse quieted his creditors much more so when he left behind his princely estate to which an absurd value was wrongly attached by all. It may here be remarked that at Bolo never paid for this property its previous owner had to take it back soon after his departure.

Bolo departed, but it seems that he left Mlle. Lardinois in Colon, Panama and took a south-bound steamer, while the beautiful actress, penniless and heartbroken, returned to France.