

GERMAN OFFICER CONFESSES HE CAME TO UNITED STATES TO BLOW UP MUNITION SHIPS

Ringleader and Two Others Arrested in Weehawken—Police Seize Vast Quantities of Dynamite and Bomb Apparatus—Officials Investigate

A confession that he planned to blow up ships carrying munitions of war to the Allies was made today by Robert Fay, a lieutenant in the German army. Fay and two other Germans are under arrest at Weehawken, N. J. Fay was granted leave of absence by the Berlin military authorities and his passage to the United States arranged for by the German secret service. Vast quantities of explosives and bomb-making material were seized in Fay's rooms, as well as a high-powered motorboat and a racing automobile. Fay asserts the German authorities in this country refused to give him permission to carry out his plans. The conspirators will have a hearing tomorrow. In view of the fact that Fay refuses to implicate the German Government, it is believed that the United States will deal with him solely as an individual.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Robert Fay, a lieutenant in the German army, who was arrested in Weehawken yesterday, charged with conspiracy, confessed today that he had come to the United States for the purpose of blowing up merchant ships leaving this country for Europe with arms and ammunition for the Allies. Two other Germans are under arrest as accomplices. Fay said he had appealed to Captain von Popen, military attaché to the German Embassy in this country, but had been warned not to tamper with ships or munition factories in this country. However, Captain von Popen gave Fay permission to do what he could in Canada. "I acted solely upon my own responsibility and I had no connection whatsoever with the German Embassy," said Fay. Fay declared that his passage to America had been arranged by the German secret service and that he got into the country last April without any difficulty. Fay made his statement in the presence of Chief of Police Patrick McCann, of Weehawken. While he was talking, Walter Scholz, an alleged confederate, and Paul Daech, a material witness, were taken to the United States last April on the steamship Rotterdam, said Fay. "My object in coming here was to interfere with the shipment of arms and munition to the Allies."

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17 PERSONS DIE WHEN TRAPPED IN FACTORY FIRE Explosion Starts Blaze in a Pittsburgh Paper Box Plant

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—At least 17 persons are known to be dead and a score are injured as the result of a fire in the factory of the Union Paper Box Company this afternoon following an explosion. Fifteen girls are missing and are believed to have perished. A score of others are in hospitals. William Kemball, manager of the Union Paper Box Company, also is among the dead. He is believed to have been killed while attempting to rescue his trapped employees. An explosion in the feed store of James Brown & Co. started the fire. Fed by a fire of paper, it spread rapidly, cutting off the escape of the frantic men and women. The entire fire fighting department was called out and policemen helped the firemen secure the working girls and workmen trapped in the upper floors and workmen in the lower floors. Four charred bodies were found on the third floor. Mayor Armstrong despatched his office and called to the burning building in an automobile to help direct the firemen. When the Mayor learned that several working girls and men were trapped in the building, he gave orders to the firemen and police to do everything in their power to rescue them. The Mayor set an example by his own bravery. Firemen and policemen risked their lives in the smoke-filled and flame-filled building. Mayor Armstrong went as body after body was brought from the ruined building by firemen. He faints as the body of Cecilia Joffe was brought forward and recognized by her brother George, while he was still in the arms of the firemen who had brought the body to the street. On the second alarm an automobile struck, which was dashing to the front at top speed, capsize while turning a corner and the firemen were hurt. The others, though badly shaken up, insisted on going to the fire. Their firemen were overcome by smoke. Employees of the Zeigler Store Company, the American Electric Plating and the James Pollock Harness Company, all of whom were in the building, were rescued.

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STARS IN HOCKEY GAME THIS AFTERNOON



On the left in the photograph is Mrs. O. C. Wagerknight, one of the stellar hockey players of the Lansdowne hockey team which played The Merion Cricket Club this afternoon. Miss Morrison, another member of the Lansdowne team, is shown in the insert.

Invaders Gain Ground Along Servian Front

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Uskub's capture by Bulgarians was admitted in a belated Nish message, dated Friday, received today, but it was not known here whether the invaders still hold it. PARIS, Oct. 25.—Fighting still raged today between the French and the Bulgarians they defeated Sunday in the Strumitza region, near the Serbo-Bulgarian frontier, an Athens dispatch said. Strumitza is filled with Bulgarian wounded. French losses were small. England is sending reinforcements to the Balkans, say the Temps today. Strumitza has been evacuated by the Bulgarians, according to a dispatch from Athens today. A violent artillery duel is raging at Demirkapu.

WICKERSHAM CAPTURES HURDLE RACE AT PENN Novice Track Games on Franklin Field—Thibault Best High Jumper

FRANKLIN FIELD, Phila., Oct. 25.—The University of Pennsylvania annual fall novice track games were held on Franklin Field this afternoon. It was the first opportunity that Coach Orton had to see his new men. Wickersham, 19, won the 120-yard high hurdle event, first on the program, in 17.1 seconds. One mile run—Won by Randall, second Hawkins; third, Collier. Time, 4:51.4 seconds. Pole vault—Won by Behman, 17, 9 feet 6 inches; second, Price, 17, 9 feet. High jump—Won by Wickersham, 19, 5 feet 10 inches; second, Thibault, 19, 5 feet 8 inches. 80-yard run—Won by J. J. Price, 19, 1:10. 100-yard dash—Won by Bonacker, 19, second Katz, 19, third, Ivory, 18. Time, 10.4 seconds.

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QUICK NEWS

TWENTY-THREE LOST LIVES IN PITTSBURGH FIRE

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—Twenty-three lives were lost in the fire that destroyed the Union Paper Box Factory in Sandusky street this afternoon. This is the latest estimate given out by the police after a conference with officials of the box company.

BULGARS LOST 6000 IN CAPTURE OF ISTIB

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25.—According to German advices 3500 Bulgarians, wounded in Serbia, have arrived at Philippopolis. The Bulgarians lost 6000 before they captured Istib, where the Servians burned the munition depots before evacuation of the city.

WEST PHILLY WINS AT SOCCER

West Philadelphia High, 4; Haverford Prep, 0.

GERMANY APOLOGIZES FOR AIR RAID ON SWITZERLAND

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Germany has apologized to Switzerland, says a Central News dispatch from Zurich, for the air raid upon Chaud-Fonds, explaining that the airman who dropped bombs lost control of his machine, but he has been punished.

BRITISH SHIP AFIRE; BEACHED

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The British steamship Ilaro, 2799 tons, has been beached with fire on board, it was announced today.

TURK CAVALRY INVADES SERBIA

GENEVA, Oct. 25.—Turkish cavalry has reached Egri Palsuka, in Serbia, and is proceeding toward Vele, according to advices from Salonica.

CHARLTON GUILTY; MUST SERVE ONE MORE MONTH

COMO, Oct. 25.—Porter Charlton was this afternoon found guilty of murdering his wife, Mary Scott Charlton. After the verdict was rendered the prosecutor asked for a sentence of seven years and six months, but the presiding judge gave the young American a term of six years and five months. Charlton has been in jail five years and four months, but will have to serve only one more month before he gets his freedom because an allowance of one year in prison term was made to all prisoners by royal decree at the beginning of the war.

INDIAN WOMAN TO PRACTICE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—On motion of Solicitor General Davis, Miss Lydia B. Connolly, of Kansas, an Indian woman, was admitted today to practice before the Supreme Court. She is a full-blooded member of the Wyandotte tribe. Several years ago she achieved notoriety by defending the graves of her ancestors when an attempt was made to disinter the bodies.

CHINESE MINISTER TO UNITED STATES RECALLED

PEKIN, Oct. 25.—Dr. Wellington Koo, Minister to Mexico, Peru and Cuba, was today appointed Chinese Minister to the United States, to succeed Kai Fu-Shah, who has been recalled.

PRESIDENT TO WED MRS. GALT SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will take place shortly before the Christmas holidays, probably December 20, at the home of Mrs. Galt, on 20th street, according to definite information obtained today.

The announcement was made unofficially, together with the announcement of the President's daughter's (Miss Margaret) intended departure for Madison, Wis., next Tuesday, to resume social service work. The wedding, it is stated, will be an afternoon affair, with only members of the two immediate families present. The wedding trip will be in the South.

PENN VETERANS OFF FROM PRACTICE TODAY

Quakers in Good Shape After Pitt Game—To Prepare for Dartmouth

FRANKLIN FIELD, Oct. 25.—The Pennsylvania football veterans had an afternoon off from hard work today. Field Coach Dickson ordered every man who participated in the Pittsburgh game to rest. The majority of them took part in the preliminary drill, but the scrimmage was confined to the substitutes and the scrubs.

The Quakers came through the Pittsburgh game in very good shape, a tribute to their splendid physical condition. Harry Root was the only man badly bruised. He walked with difficulty on his injured ankle, while one eye was completely closed. The coaches intend to keep him out of practice for several days. (Quinn), a substitute end, has a bad knee, received in the first scrimmage of the game.

BUSH'S HOMER DEFEATS BARNSTORMING PHILS

All-Stars Win Over National League Champions by 3 to 1 Today

MILFORD, Del., Oct. 25.—The Phillies met defeat 3 to 1, here today by the All-Stars in exactly 12 minutes. The principal features of the game were the work by Bancroft, of the Phillies, and the home run by Bush, of the All-Stars, which won the game. The line-up: ALL STARS: Bush, 25; ... PHILLIES: Bancroft, 25; ...

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