

GERMAN PLOT LEADER SPENT \$700,000 IN U. S.

Franz Rintelen Fled to Avoid Punishment He Knew Awaited Him DAVID LAMAR HIS AGENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The part played by Captain Franz Rintelen, the Kaiser's secret agent, and his associates, who include David Lamar, in fomenting strikes in American munition plants, is known to Federal investigators. It is said Rintelen left this country to escape punishment which he knew was sure to come and that the Atlanta Penitentiary awaits him should he ever return.

It is said Rintelen spent \$700,000 in his conspiracies in the United States and in his effort to regain Mexico for Huerta.

A New York society woman, whose identity was shielded by Federal authorities, was brought into the Government's investigation of the activities of Rintelen today.

It was said that the State Department had received from the British Government copies of the woman's letters to Rintelen, denouncing this Government for its attitude in the German-American situation. The woman, it was said, is wealthy, owning a home in New York and another at Newport.

The British Government, Federal authorities said, seized the letters from Rintelen when he was arrested on the liner Noordam as a spy.

Not the least interesting angle of the secret part played by Rintelen while covertly he was the German business man, resident member of the New York Yacht Club and familiar of Gotham's best social circles, is the hint conveyed as to why he became so eager to depart from America that at last he committed the blunder of trying to leave by a fraudulent American passport, though already supplied with forged Swiss credentials by means of which he did not only fall into the hands of his country's enemies.

It is here that David Lamar is most intimately identified with the career of Rintelen in America. Through United States District Attorney Marshall, who for months has investigated the entire affair, would not commit himself, it may be said confidently that there he revealed the fact he would not deny that of some \$700,000 of American money which Rintelen disbursed in an effort to halt the stream of munitions from this country to the Allies, Lamar received between \$250,000 and \$400,000.

BERESFORD ATTACKS BRITISH SEA POLICY Nation in a Tangle of Mismanagement, Says Former Head of Navy

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Lord Charles Beresford, former head of the British navy, declared today that the conduct of the war along its present lines would prolong the conflict indefinitely. He sharply criticized what he called the "mismanagement" holding the Cabinet responsible for present conditions.

"We are in a tangle or muddle of mismanagement," said Lord Beresford. "Our military campaigns are being conducted without objective or plan. Policy only is considered. The war staffs have not been consulted as to whether they had men and material for enforcing the difficult policies inaugurated by the Cabinet. We have not taken full advantage of our mastery of the sea. In every department we observe doubt and hesitating procrastination. The danger to the empire becomes more apparent daily. The country is waiting for a strong, clear lead. Our present methods will prolong the war indefinitely."

FIRE IN POTTSVILLE CAUSES \$24,000 DAMAGE Part of Town in Darkness as Electric Wires Are Destroyed

POTTSVILLE, Dec. 8.—Fire destroyed the two-story building occupied as a residence and clothing store by N. Threshow and the two-story dwelling of Charles E. Logan, at Pine Grove, last midnight. The dwelling of Ray Buecher was partly destroyed. Threshow's loss on stock is \$15,000 and building, \$4000, and that of Logan, \$5000. The latter lost all of his furniture and household goods.

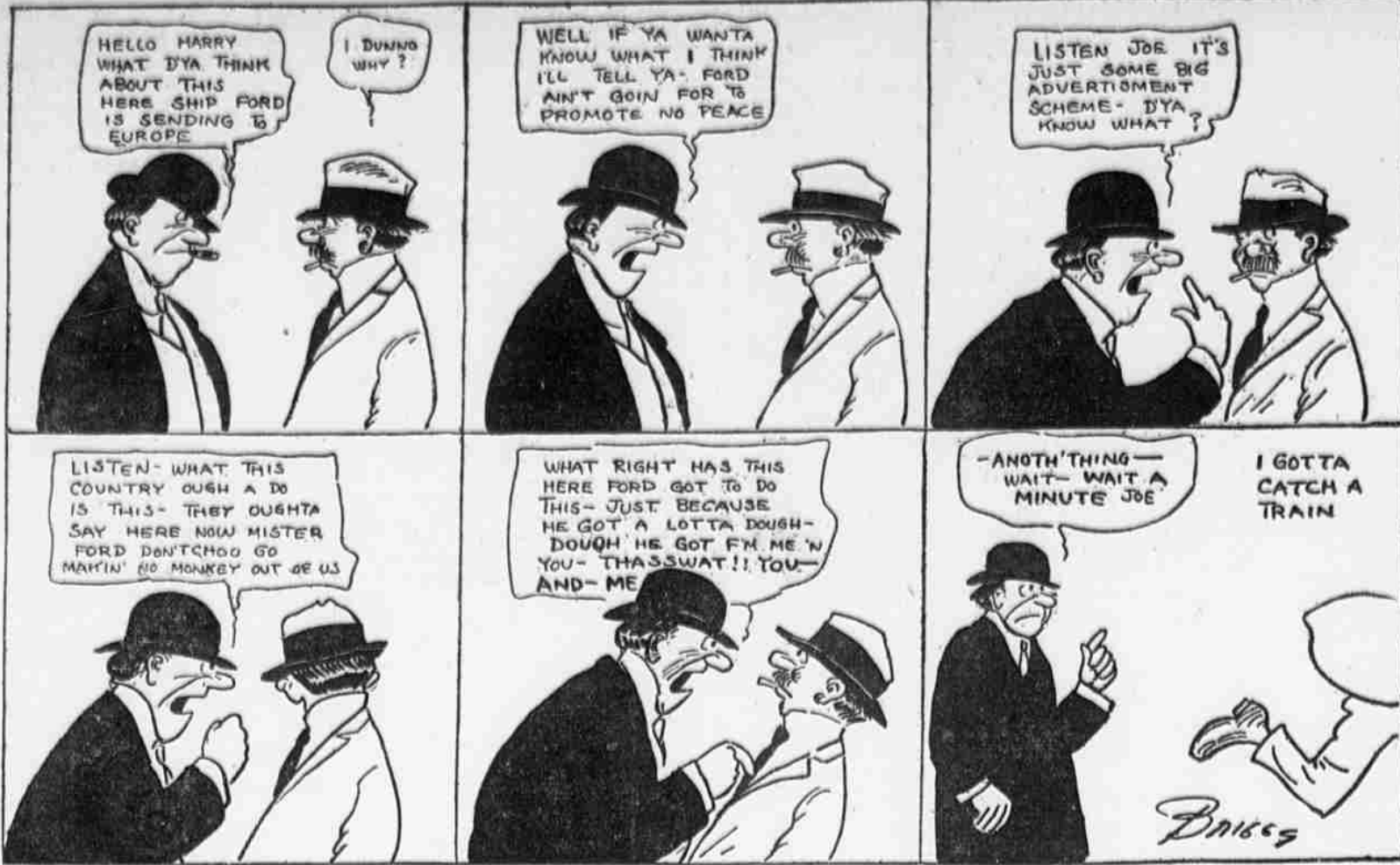
FINGER PRINTS AS EVIDENCE Police Seek Conviction of Man Accused of Theft

A Montgomery County jury will get a case today for decision, in which they are asked to convict a man solely on finger-print evidence.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES Frederick G. Blessing, 4820 A st., and Johanna "Nora" New, 217 N. 12th st., in Dan Katsafsky, 440 N. Front st., and Yetta Heiner, 827 N. 4th st., Charles I. Johnson, 1808 N. 10th st., and Esther Green, 1921 Kate st., and John C. Langford, 2007 N. Swanson st., and Ruth C. Glavin, 2100 N. 11th st., and Mary C. Lee, 610 N. 11th st., William H. Harrison, 5626 Girard ave., and Violet C. Ward, Berwyn, Pa., John C. Langford, 2007 N. Swanson st., and Ruth C. Glavin, 2100 N. 11th st., and Ernie Finckel, 1018 N. 11th st., Harry Brodsky, New York city, and Sarah B. Heintz, 1408 N. Marshall st., Israel Feinman, 221 W. 10th st., and Matilda Cohen, 225 Morris st.

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BERNSTORFF NOT BLAMED BY U. S. IN BOY-ED CASE

Ambassador Absolved of Any Connection With Plots or Improper Activities

GERMANY TO GIVE IN WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

The United States will procure safe conduct for the German attaches, Captains Boy-Ed and von Papen, as soon as Berlin issues the formal notification of their recall. The German Foreign Office will accede to the demands of the United States without further parley, it was reported today.

The controversy between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff concerning the charges or reasons that led to the request for their recall has been settled. Captain Boy-Ed has gone to New York and is not expected to return to Washington. With Captain von Papen he will begin at once to arrange his affairs in preparation for his trip across the Atlantic under British and French promises of protection.

The arrangements for the withdrawal of the naval and military attaches of Germany without further controversy was brought about through an exchange of notes between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff. Shorn of diplomatic verbiage, the compromise may be stated as follows:

Secretary Lansing gave Count von Bernstorff a clean bill of health in every particular and absolved him of any connection whatever with improper activities in this country.

Secretary Lansing assured Count von Bernstorff that the United States Government has not charged, intimated or suggested in any way that Captain Boy-Ed or Captain von Papen has been involved in any political activities against the United States or any of the individual States.

As far as the records of the Government are concerned the attaches have been held blameless only in relation to the Hamburg-American case and in the Archibald-Dumba incident.

This diplomatic disclaimer on the part of this Government in writing appears to have satisfied the German Ambassador in every detail, and he is now content to part with his naval and military aides.

It is probable that Secretary Lansing will make formal application today to the British and French Ambassadors for the safe conduct. It is assumed that he has sounded the diplomats already.

Diplomats are supposed to be immune from arrest by their enemies in the circumstances under which the two German officers will leave the United States, but the German Government will take no chances.

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HOW MR. COMMON PEOPLE VIEWS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

He Is Chiefly Concerned About the Probable Effect on Him of the Increases in Taxation Proposed. Varying Opinions Held

The men in the ranks, the workers who have to toil hard for a bare livelihood, hold varying views regarding President Wilson's message.

Those who are working in the industries fear the adoption of the President's suggestion regarding a tax on oil, iron, steel and other things would affect their wages. They figure that employers would endeavor to renege in some direction and think of their payrolls first.

Small shopkeepers also expressed their disapproval of the tax feature, because they believed it would mean additional burdens. Many also expressed the belief that the suggestions for preparedness were out of order, and contended that we needed more schools and other public institutions. In some cases the opposition views were held for selfish reasons. The waiter and the barber, for instance, said their tips would be cut down if their patrons had to pay more taxes.

Following are some of the opinions expressed: GEORGE T. POWERS, bank clerk, 8730 Frankford avenue.—The only thing I can say is that the proposed tax on checks will add to the work of the bank employes. I don't see anything wrong in taxing gasoline and engines. Let the rich pay the bills.

THEODORE J. HOPKINS, farmer and trucker, Camden County, New Jersey.—I voted for President Wilson, but I won't do it again. There is nothing just in making the farmer pay the deficits of the Government caused by the war. If these deficits are to be met, let us tax the ammunition makers who are profiting from the war, and not the farmer who is unable to stand further taxation.

FRED MUELLER, saloonkeeper, 2347 Orthodox street.—All this talk about hyphenated Americans makes me sick. What about the Anglo-Americans? They are the ones who are making the most trouble for the country. If President Wilson means what he says, why doesn't he arrest the English agents in this country. This ill-advised message will be answered next November.

PAUL M. MELLON, carpenter, 210 Benson street, Camden.—I don't approve of the President's message. What do we want with a bigger army and navy? After this war there won't be anybody left to fight. And as for taxing automobiles, it makes no difference to me

so long as they don't tax anything that I have.

JAMES M. CUMMINS, waiter, 1555 Western avenue.—Yes, I read the message, but I don't get all of it. That was great stuff about the hyphenated Americans, wasn't it. Sure, I'm in favor of a big navy and a big army; the bigger the better. Only I don't see all these taxes. The first thing you know the people will have so much taxes that they will forget to pass the tips.

FREDERICK CASEY, ironworker, 605 Quarry street.—No, I didn't read the message. I'm not going to read it. I'm a hyphenated American, but I was shot in the Philippines. No thanks, I don't want to read it. I'm only voting, not reading.

EDWARD HEMPEL, chauffeur, 2543 Thompson street.—What's the big idea in taxing gasoline and engines? Are they trying to prevent the poor man from getting anything that might make his life happy? I don't see it, and neither will three-quarters of the country. Wait till next election and see.

JOHN d'AMBROSE, barber, Continental Hotel.—The President all right. He knows what he do when he sends speech to Congress. He shows them a thing or two. Fina man, fina man.

RUTH LICHARDUS, waitress, 712 Chestnut.—President Wilson's address to Congress? I'm in favor of it. What is it anyhow? Taxes on autos don't worry me any, and as for hyphenated Americans—well, we used to have one,

but the poor thing couldn't stand the cold weather and he died a sad death. "JIM" JARS, bootblack, 104 South 8th street.—President Wilson sent a fine message to Congress. Sure I know that, and you bet he give us a great army and navy that can wipe up the ground with anybody. And he want to kick out sordid Americans making big fuss about everything. That's right, too, kick 'em right out I say.

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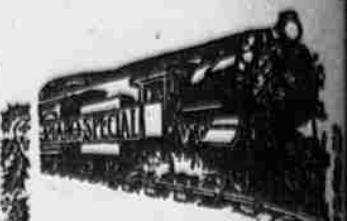
Drive Germans From St. Souplet Trenches With Hand Grenades

HALT TEUTON ATTACKS

PARIS, Dec. 8. Severe fighting occurred Tuesday and last night at several points on the Franco-German battle front. The offensive in the conflict appears to have been taken by the Germans, who gained some ground in their first rush, but the communique issued by the War Office this afternoon indicates that the French troops are taking back all their lost ground.

The text of the communique follows: "In Belgium our rapid-fire guns in the course of the night prevented the enemy from reconstructing the work destroyed by us in the region of Het Sas. "To the north of Arras and to the west of Hill No. 149 our curtains of fire sharply checked a German attack, which was launched under cover of a mine explosion. "Yesterday our artillery bombarded and destroyed the Salnturin mill, in the region of Roye, which the enemy had strengthened for defensive purposes. "In Champagne we continued to ad-

vanced by means of grenade attacks in advanced trench where the enemy had gained a foothold yesterday in the region of St. Souplet. "To the east of the Butte of Semetz counter-attacks gave us mastery yesterday at the end of the evening. The conflict continues with the aim of taking the sections occupied by the enemy."



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