

LUSITANIA PLOT
INDICTMENTS OUT

True Bills Against 17 Germans, Including Franz von Papien, Are Returned

PRISONER IN CONFESSION
Schimmel, Tricky Spy, Placed Nine Bombs Aboard the Doomed Ship

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The Federal Grand Jury has returned an indictment naming seventeen Germans, among them Franz von Papien, the plotting German military attaché who was ordered out of the country in December, 1915, by Secretary Lansing, who are charged with having plotted during virtually the entire period of the war to blow up transatlantic steamships plying between New York and ports of the Allies in Europe.

Another of the plotters named is Carl Schimmel, a German spy caught during the Rintelen revelations, but who was able to convince the Government agents that he was "just a hard-working German," whose only desire, as he himself once expressed it, was "to make an honest living in the United States."

Schimmel had a desk in an office at 51 Chambers street, and posed as a man who was on the verge of absolute poverty, his clothes were old and soiled, his shoes always needed mending and he never appeared with a hat that was less than two years old. He held up his boarding house keepers for weeks and in other ways was able to create the impression that he was almost destitute. One day he was reported missing and six weeks later he was reported safe in Germany, and that instead of being a pauper he was, in fact, a well-to-do German and one of the keenest spies in the Kaiser's employ.

Eugene Reister, Walter Uhde and Joseph Zefferl, the three men arrested as principals in the ship bomb plot, also are among the seventeen named in the indictment.

According to the Federal authorities, one of the men now in custody has confessed and makes the statement that had the Lusitania escaped the German torpedo which sent her to the bottom with the loss of more than 1400 lives the liner would have been destroyed before she reached her home port by nine bombs which Schimmel had placed in vital parts of the ship just before she sailed on her last voyage.

PITIFUL TALE OF WOMAN
KEEPS HER OUT OF PRISON
Deputy Coroner Tears Up Warrant, Pending Result of Inquest

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 12.—George Ambo, coroner's deputy, has declined to send Mrs. Annie Mula and her twelve-year-old daughter to jail after hearing of abuse and insults she said she had suffered from her husband, Michael Mula, who died from burns alleged to have resulted after she had saturated his clothing with oil and applied a flaming newspaper.

The woman was put in jail soon after the man's death. Then her daughter was arrested and told the police the entire story. Mula was the child's stepfather and on his deathbed accused his wife of the crime. The police turned both mother and girl over to the coroner. The woman so accused a copy of being severely beaten day after day subjected to kicks and other abuse and forced to work for herself in a rag factory. The deputy coroner tore up a warrant which charged the woman with murder and delivered her into the hands of a city missionary, pending an inquest.

Lecture on War at Philomusian Club
L. O. Armstrong, a Canadian lecturer, will address a patriotic meeting at the Philomusian Club, 2944 Walnut street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon on "Canada at War." The lecture will be illustrated with British and Canadian war pictures. Mr. Armstrong will comment especially upon the efforts of Canadian women to serve their country.

FRENCH PATROL ADVANCING THROUGH FLANDERS VILLAGE



The Allies' forward movement in France and Belgium is slow but certain. Small bodies of troops, such as shown in the photograph, maintain the pressure on the enemy and make his lot an unhappy one.

RAILROADS AGAIN SEEK
FREIGHT RATE RISE

Commerce Commission Will Entertain New Petition Asking Immediate Relief

SHIPPERS OPPOSE MOVE
Issue of Public Ownership Involved in Discussion of Plight of Carriers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Another serious effort by the nation's railroads for a new and substantial advance in freight rates is to be made, rapidly climbing expenses of the roads, with diminishing net operating revenues, will compel the companies to appeal again to the Interstate Commerce Commission for relief, it was learned today.

fund for the war loans and for capital to go into war industries engaged in the manufacture of goods which will be destroyed and therefore add nothing to the sum of national wealth, is falling on the railroads. They can get no new money at suitable rates, they assert. The 30,000,000 investors in American railroad securities share the anxiety of the executives.

It is known that the financial interests have able ambassadors now at Washington charged with the duty of getting more funds for the railroads in some form. In its opinion in the 15 per cent advance rate case the Interstate Commerce Commission said that if the experience of the summer just passed proved that the railroads were losing ground, it would reconsider the petition of the roads for a blanket freight rate increase of 15 per cent. The latest earnings figures compiled by the commission indicate that the roads have lost ground. New members recently credited to the commission are believed friendly toward a rate increase. The decision of the commission last June by which the 15 per cent increase was deferred was by a divided membership.

All summer the commission has been closely studying the fortunes of the roads. Recently the commission was compelled to issue an order permitting the relaxation of rigid inspection rules for locomotives so as to permit longer road service because the railroads are unable to spare engines long enough to have them repaired. The commission shortly will issue another order permitting relaxation of regulations in the matter of keeping railroad accounts so that the men engaged upon these affairs can be liberated for more vital war work.

The southern railroads are the only ones which do not claim a need for immediate relief, but Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway and leader among executives of that section, holds that with increased revenues the southern lines could greatly improve their service.

TORPEDINIERA NEMICA
PRESA DAGLI ITALIANI

L'Equipaggio si Arrende ai Marinai d'Italia Senza Sparare un Sol Colpo

CONDANNA ESEMPLARE
In Breve Periodo di Tempo gli Austriaci Hanno Perduto Undici Sottomarini

ROMA, 12 ottobre. Il Ministero della Marina Italiana ha oggi pubblicato un comunicato dal quale si rileva che una torpediniera austriaca è stata catturata nel Mare Adriatico. Il comunicato aggiunge che l'equipaggio si arrese senza nemmeno tirare un solo colpo.

La torpediniera catturata è stata subito incorporata nella flotta italiana. Essa stazza 120 tonnellate e reca due cannoni di piccolo calibro e due tubi lanciasiluri. Il giornale "L'Ida Nazionale" commentando il fatto dice che esso fa ritornare alla mente la condotta dell'equipaggio della torpediniera italiana "Turbin" che, circondata dalle navi nemiche, e dopo aver sparato sino all'ultimo colpo, fece saltare la nave e con essa calò a fondo anche i suoi arredi. Il giornale mette in evidenza il fatto che essa non fu distrutta e dichiara che essa mettono in evidenza ed illustrano la differenza del morale dei marinai italiani da quello dei marinai austriaci.

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aria le opere militari e navali di difesa nel porto di Genova e per aver fatto esplodere a mezzo di dinamite la fabbrica di munizioni di Cuneo. Altri due imputati sono stati condannati all'ergastolo. La sentenza ha recato profonda impressione ma da tutti è stata ritenuta giusta.

Nel corso della battaglia di Cuneo, l'artigianato italiano informo che nessun importante operazione si è verificata negli ultimi due giorni, all'infuori di scontri di poca entità tra pattuglie italiane e nemiche. Anche il comunicato pubblicato dal Ministero della Guerra italiano dice che nessun importante evento si è verificato su tutta la fronte.

Da un altro comunicato ufficiale della Stato Maggiore della Marina italiana si rilevano i particolari circa una grande incursione aereo-navale effettuata dagli austriaci nell'Adriatico negli ultimi giorni di settembre. Dal detto comunicato si apprende che la sera del 28 settembre decorse parecchi idrovolanti austriaci effettuarono un attacco contro Brindisi, subito respinto dalle batterie italiane, le quali riuscirono ad abbattere due idrovolanti nemici che caddero in fiamme nel mare.

In un'azione navale combattuta nello stesso giorno nelle acque di Venezia, tra sfilanti austriache, che scortavano un gruppo di idrovolanti, e cacciatorpediniere italiane, quest'ultime affondarono un cacciatorpediniere nemico e posero in fuga le altre navi.

Turante l'epoca delle dette incursioni gli italiani hanno affondato nel mare Adriatico ben undici sottomarini austriaci.

I giornali della penisola si diffondono in particolari sulla recente incursione aerea fatta dagli italiani sulle bocche di Cattaro, la potente base navale austriaca. Dette incursione fu organizzata e diretta dal maggiore Gabriele D'Annunzio il quale è di attività veramente meravigliosa. Non vi è incursione la più pericolosa alla quale non prenda parte il valoroso poeta e l'ultima è stata di grande importanza se si considera la distanza coperta dalle macchine e lo aver raggiunto completamente l'obiettivo senza alcuna perdita.

Prima che si effettuasse l'incursione su Cattaro, il maggiore D'Annunzio pranzò con i suoi compagni di aviazione e durante il pranzo rammentò che essi partivano nel giorno di San Francesco, il santo più italiano tra i santi ed il più venerato tra gli italiani, il quale partì d'Ancona per recarsi nella terra santa attraverso le acque italiane, ed auspici così all'esito felice della incursione.

Nel paese di Quilca, alla fronte di battaglia, sono state rese imponenti e commoventi onoranze funebri in memoria del valoroso generale Achille Papa. Sulla bara parlò commosso il generale Baisocchi rievocando l'eroiche gesta del compianto ufficiale.

Il tribunale militare di Roma ha condannato alla fucilazione alla schiena certi Gatti, Tagagnano e Lausetti, colpevoli di alto tradimento per aver tentato di far saltare in aria il ponte di S. Pietro.

MINE TIPPLE DYNAMITED
Mine Belonging to Kerginville Coal Company Forced to Shut Down
SMITHTON, Pa., Oct. 12.—Mystery surrounds the dynamiting of the tipple of the

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