



GERMAN SPY ENDS LIFE IN BRITISH PRISON

In Note He Says He Could Not Mount the Scaffold to Be Hanged

WAS ON TRIAL IN LONDON

Court Session Abruptly Ended by Announcement of Prisoner's Death

By Associated Press. London, May 20.—Anton Kuepferle, who claimed to be an American citizen, who once lived in Brooklyn, and who has been on trial charged with giving military information to the enemies of Great Britain, committed suicide by hanging himself last night in Brixton prison.

Kuepferle left a message, written on a slip, bearing testimony to the fairness of his trial. He confessed he was a soldier and declared he could not bear to mount the scaffold as a spy.

When court opened this morning for the resumption of the trial the attorney general, Reading, announced the death of the prisoner to the judges.

"Since the close of this court last night," the attorney general said, "this man Kuepferle has committed suicide in Brixton prison. He was in a special observation cell, under practically continuous observation, but during one of the short intervals he seized the opportunity of taking his own life."

Chief Warden Cook, who is in charge of the prison, has testified that last night the night patrol officer, a warden named Perry, came to him and said:

"I cannot see the prisoner." Warden Cook immediately arose and, opening the cell door, he found the prisoner hanging by the neck from a ventilator in a corner behind the door.

He had used a silk scarf to commit suicide and he was hanging clear of the floor. Warden Cook cut a soldier and summoned the prison doctor. The man's body was still warm, but he could not be revived.

Warden Cook produced the slate on which the prisoner had written his message. His communication follows: "To Whom It May Concern: My name is Kuepferle and I was born in Rastatt, in Baden. I am a soldier with a rank I do not desire to mention. I can say I have had a fair trial in the United Kingdom, but I am unable longer to keep my strain and I take the law in my own hands. I have fought many a battle, and death is the only savior for me. I would prefer death by shooting, but I do not wish to ascend the scaffold and a soldier the prisoner drew a Masonic sign and I hope the Almighty architect of this universe will lead me in the unknown land. I am not a spy, but as a soldier, I stood my fate as a man, but I cannot be a liar and perjure myself. I ask you kindly that my name, Ambrose D. Bell, of Rastatt, be notified of my death. I desire that my estate go to him. What I have done was for my country. I express my thanks and may the Lord bless you all. Yours, etc., "Kuepferle."

On the other side of the slate the man had written: "I was born June 11, 1852."

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Special to The Telegraph. Milford, Pa., May 20.—In a statement issued here yesterday Gifford Pinchot said:

"What strikes me most on getting back from Europe is that the deliberate murder of men, women and children on the Lusitania has brought the war home to the United States. I do not believe that our people have realized until now what this war is, or what it means to us. The right of men to rule, therefore, is at stake. Our countrymen on the Lusitania were killed because an autocratic military empire is trying to seize the domination of the world at the expense of the self-governing nations.

"This war is a death struggle between democracy on the one side and armed imperialism on the other. France is our sister Republic; England is a great and free democracy; Russia itself is on the highroad toward democratic government.

"In Germany, on the other hand, is ruled by the people, but by Prussia and the Kaiser. The victory of Germany would not be the victory of her people, but the successful effort of a restricted military caste to get more power. Bernhard expressed the belief of this caste when he said that Germany must control the world or go under."

OFFICERS OF HOUSE GET MANY GIFTS

Speaker Ambler Receives Silver Service and Other Valuable Presents From Colleagues

GENERAL EXCHANGE IS MADE

Senate Gives Kline Player Piano and Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Reynolds Chest of Silver

Speaker Ambler and officers of the House received elaborate presents from the representatives at the close of the session. The Speaker was presented with a handsome silver service on behalf of the members by William H. Wilson, Philadelphia, and responded to the congratulations of the floor leader upon the fine work of the House, with thanks for the cooperation given.

R. J. Baldwin presented Chief Clerk Garvin with a photograph in mahogany case and C. H. Palmer presented a china clock to Resident Clerk Leib. Mr. Garvin sent a big electric lamp to the Speaker. Assistant Resident Clerk Meals was given a mantel clock by A. B. Hess, and Parliamentarian James N. Moore a superb rug by M. B. Kitts, Erie.

Journal Clerk Brockney received a punch bowl, Reading Clerk Falkenstein, Assistant Clerk Morrison, and Roll Call Clerk Hewitt were given cash, with a speech by J. G. Steedle. Assistant Journal Clerk Di Piero was given a stickpin. A present of cash was given Chaplain Stahly by B. F. Bungard. Cash was likewise given Clerks Maher and Herb. Chief Page Clarence Seiler was also remembered.

The Speaker gave Chief Clerk Garvin a traveling bag and the House, through H. J. Wilson, gave a purse to Frank Ambler, Speaker's clerk.

The Chest of Silver presented to the Senate was particularly pleasant because ex-Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds was invited here to receive a chest of silver which was presented on behalf of the Senate by William C. Spraul, President pro tem. Kline was given a player-piano by his colleagues; Senator Clark, ex-lieut. by the judiciary general committee, and Senator Buckman, a chest of silver by the appropriations committee. The officers were all remembered.

EXPERT TO SUGGEST NEW COOKERY KINKS

Mrs. Vaughn, Who Will Appear Here Has Lectured in All Large Cities of Country

BETTER FOODS-BETTER HOMES

Instruction of Vital Interest to Every Housekeeper Will Be Given Free of Charge

Mayor Royal in Charge of Liberty Bell Celebration

Committee Will Draw Up Two Housing Codes

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain to-night and Friday; continued cool. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night and Friday; moderate northeast to west winds. The Susquehanna river and all its branches will remain nearly stationary to-night. A general rise in all streams of the system is likely to begin Friday as a result of a rainstorm approaching from the West. A stage of about thirty-six feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions: The southwest disturbance is now central over West Penn. Its front extending northeastward into the Lake region. Temperature: 8 a. m., 54. Sun: Rises, 4:46 a. m.; sets, 7:16 p. m. Moon: First quarter, May 21, 11:50 p. m. Rise: Stage: 3.6 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 66. Lowest temperature, 47. Mean temperature, 56. Normal temperature, 63.

MANY CHANGES FOR THIRD CLASS CITIES

Bill Passed Finally Today Increases Terms of Mayors and Councilmen to Four Years

MAY SUSPEND POLICEMEN

Annual Finance Report to Be Submitted in December Instead of January

The House to-day passed finally and to the Governor the bill to add amendments to the Clark third class city act of 1913 under which Harrisburg and other cities of its classification are now operating. One of the most important changes in the law lengthens the terms of councilmen and mayors to four years. Another bill has been passed which specifies that mayors shall be permitted to succeed themselves, which the Walton bill forbids.

The Walton bill, besides making several technical amendments in the Clark act to make the law more clear, gives city councils wider authority in establishing public convenience, health and safety, provides for a uniform system of tax assessment and establishment.

Italy's Demands Upon Austria Made Public

SENIOR BEIDLEMAN PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

Dauphin County Senator's Services and Experience Recognized by the Senate

Austrians Took More Prisoners Than There Were Men in the Town

PRESIDENT AT WHITE HOUSE

ITALY ISSUES GREEN BOOK

RUMANIA WILL BE NEUTRAL

TICKETS FOR TRACK MEET

COMMERCE OF CHAMBER OUTING

OPEN SESSION AT TECH

MINORS AROUND SUN OF INTEREST IN PHILADELPHIA

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"CRAZY JACK" FLIRTING WITH DEATH ON TOP RAIL OF STATE CAPITOL DOME



On the slender iron railing surrounding the State Capitol dome, "Crazy Jack," the human fly, late yesterday afternoon poised himself on one foot, while 270 feet below, hundreds of people gasped and shuddered as they stared at the daredevil. The crowd stared, mouth agape, he calmly smoked another nail for his coffin.

"Crazy Jack" set out to climb the dome to shake hands with Miss Penn, but he stopped when a fragment of tile gave way as he reached the huge brass ball at the lady's feet. For this exhibition "Jack" got \$2.12 from the admiring crowd when the hat was passed. He declared this "a good day's wages."

STATE PUBLIC BOARD CONFIRMED BY SENATE

ITALY WILL ENTER WAR TODAY, BELIEF

Report Printed in German Newspaper States Declaration Is at Hand

FULL POWERS FOR MINISTER

Chamber of Deputies, by Unanimous Vote, Grants Rights to War Official

5 Foot, 2-inch Men to Be Accepted by Britain For Infantry Ranks

Rings Around Sun of Interest in Philadelphia

Miners in Pittsburgh District Resume Work

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ALL AUSTRIAN PROPOSALS REJECTED BY ITALY; RUSS LINE IN GALICIA BROKEN

Italian Parliament Assembles and Declaration of Government's Policy Is Expected Soon; Przemyśl Is Now Under Attack by Austrian Guns; Russians Claim Successes in North; More Resignations in British Cabinet Expected

Austria's final proposals have been rejected unanimously by the Italian council of ministers and the two nations are a step nearer war. The Italian parliament assembles to-day and a declaration of the government's policy is expected.

An Italian Green book has been issued, giving a review of the negotiations with Austria, which are shown to have been started last December. Italy's demands, which Austria has failed to satisfy, were based on the claim that she was entitled to compensation for Austria's advance into Serbia.

The Russian fortified line along the River San, running across Central Galicia, on which great reliance was placed to check the Austro-German advance, has been definitely broken. Statements of the Teutonic allies that they had crossed the river are confirmed in an official announcement from Petrograd. Przemyśl, which Russia won from Austria after a struggle of several months, is now under attack by Austrian guns. One of the greatest battles of the campaign apparently is impending along the San.

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London, May 20.—A two-column analysis of the strategic situation written by its military correspondent who has been at the western front in printed by the Times. The correspondent expresses disappointment that better preparations were not made to meet the Austro-German blow against the Russians in Galicia, which was expected a month before it occurred. He says, however, that the misfortune of one out of fourteen Russian armies is not likely to be decisive.

London, May 20.—Swedish steamship companies whose boats ply between Stockholm, Norrköping, London and Hull, have decided to suspend their services owing to the constant interruptions to traffic caused by German warships in the Baltic Sea, which have resulted in serious delays and made trade impracticable.

Rome, May 19, via Paris, May 20.—King Victor Emmanuel, it is asserted has decided to grant a general pardon to all railway employees who were punished because of the part they took in the strike of May, 1914. This action is said to be designed as another step to bring about a closer union of all parties in the country.

London, May 20.—A British casualty list received to-day includes the names of 170 officers and 1400 men. Nine hundred casualties in the Australian ranks on the Gallipoli peninsula are reported as well as naval losses of 150 in the same area. The list of wounded is headed by the name of General Sir William Birdwood, commander-in-chief of the Australian forces in the Dardanelles.

London, May 20.—Premier Salandra introduced a bill this afternoon in the Chamber of Deputies conferring on the government extraordinary powers in case of war. A committee was named to give this project immediate consideration.

New York, May 20.—Anton Kuepferle, who ended his life in London, was known in New York as Defallois. Under that name he was employed as a shipping clerk by a firm in this city.

New York, May 20.—It was announced at the Cunard Line offices to-day that the Anchor Line steamship Transylvania, which arrived in Glasgow from New York on Sunday last had been requisitioned by the British government. Her sailings have accordingly been cancelled.

Harrisburg—While the future course of the Board of Public Works relative to the report of the Arbitration Board on the river interceptor controversy, as threshed out in executive session this afternoon with City Solicitor Seitz, would not be discussed by City Commissioner W. H. Lynch, it is understood that there will be no cessation of the public improvement work at this time.

Lebanon, May 20. — Excessive drinking is believed to have prompted Thomas Wike, aged 35, of Waldeck, to shoot his wife and kill himself. The wife is not expected to recover. They have a young child.