

Brewer Gold to Buy Press

A Washington dispatch, dated September 19, says: The senate today ordered a searching investigation of the extent to which the brewers have invested in newspapers for the purpose of fighting prohibition and the extent to which agents of the German government subsidized American newspapers for the dissemination of German propaganda.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Washington, Sept. 19. The federal custodian of alien property, A. Mitchell Palmer, made public today the names of the fifteen brewers, who, with the United States Brewers' association raised a fund of \$407,500 from which \$375,000 was loaned to Arthur Brisbane to buy the Washington Times.

Mr. Palmer acted immediately after the senate had passed a resolution introduced by Senator Jones of New Mexico, calling upon the property custodian to show the proofs on which he made his speech in Harrisburg, Pa., last Saturday, declaring the efforts of brewers to control a newspaper in pro-German interests, to exert their influence upon congress, and finally on which he charged that the brewing interests had advanced money for the purchase of a newspaper to "fight the battle of the liquor traffic under the shadow of the dome of the capitol."

Mr. Brisbane in published statements in the Times already has stated that he bought the paper with money loaned by C. W. Feigenspan, a brewer and president of the Federal Trust company of Newark, N. J. Mr. Brisbane also has published a letter from Feigenspan defining an arrangement by which the loan was syndicated to fifteen brewers. Mr. Palmer includes in his disclosure this letter and also documents to support his assertion that the loan was made in a way to conceal its course and purpose.

BETWEEN GERMAN AGENTS

Included in Mr. Palmer's papers are copies and letters written by Alexander Konta, evidently a German agent, to Captain Hans Tascher, notoriously associated with German propaganda in the United States and to Dr. Bernard Dernburg, Germany's chief propaganda agent, upon the prospects of buying some great American newspaper. Mr. Palmer connects these with his declaration that the influence which the brewers attempt to exert was thoroughly in the interest of Germany. Mr. Palmer tonight declined to say where his offices obtained the documents. He added that they spoke for themselves.

First among the documents is a letter from Feigenspan to Robert Crain, whose office is in the building which houses Mr. Brisbane's Times, detailing the distribution of the

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\$407,500 loan. It was divided this way:

George Ehret	\$ 50,000
C. Feigenspan	25,000
Julius Liebmann	25,000
J. C. G. Hupfel	7,500
Jacob Ruppert	50,000
Joseph E. Uhlein	50,000
Edward Landsberg	15,000
Reuter & Co.	15,000
A. J. Houghton company ...	10,000
Wm. Hamm	10,000
G. Pabst	50,000
Fred Miller Brewing company	15,000
(This sum was allotted among the individuals of \$3,000 each.)	
C. Schmidt & Sons	5,000
F. A. Poth & Sons	15,000
Berger & Engel	10,000
United States Brewing Ass'n	30,000
United States Brewers' Ass'n adv.	25,000

Total of\$407,500

Of this sum, Feigenspan's letter stated \$375,000 was advanced to the Growing Circulation corporation (Brisbane's published statement of the sum he borrowed through Mr. Feigenspan at this amount.)

ONE OF HEARST'S LAWYERS

Mr. Palmer's documents quote the corporation for 1917 as describing the Growing Circulation corporation as being capitalized at \$50,000, having offices at No. 140 Nassau street, New York city, and having among its directors William A. DeFord, one of William R. Hearst's lawyers; John T. Sturdevant and Thomas McEntegart.

The course of the loan as it appears to be shown by documents, the originals of which Mr. Palmer states are in his possession, shows first six checks drawn on the Federal Trust company by C. W. Feigenspan, trustee, payable to the order of the trust company, aggregating \$400,000 and drawn between June 21, 1917, and January 25, 1918. There also is a check for \$25,000 drawn by Feigenspan as trustee to Crain. Then follow five drafts by the Federal Trust company on the American Exchange National bank, payable to the bearer, aggregating \$335,000. They were endorsed to be paid to the order of "A. Thursby, Growing Circulation corporation, per L. B. Krause, vice president. For deposit pay to Equitable Trust company."

"A. Thursby," says Mr. Palmer's announcement, "is evidently Alice Brisbane Thursby, otherwise addressed according to the record at the Equitable Trust company in care of Arthur Brisbane, 238 William street.

The documents then show a note for \$3,000 dated June 21, 1917, payable five years later to Feigenspan as trustee and executed by the Growing Circulation corporation. This is followed by a receipt to Feigenspan.

TO PURCHASE NEWSPAPER

This is followed by a receipt to Feigenspan, executed by A. Brisbane, acknowledging \$260,000, "to be used in the purchase of newspaper in Washington by me," was to be paid later. The documents then include a statement by Feigenspan, dated July 30, 1918, which says:

"During the month of June, 1917, to the best of my recollection, the matter of the Washington Times became of mutual interest to Mr. Arthur Brisbane and a number of brewers. Mr. Brisbane, as I have been informed by him, had an important direction of the Washington Times. The terms of this sale as I recall them, were that \$250,000 was to be paid down, the balance to be

paid in installments of \$50,000 each every six months.

"In order to bring about the purchase of the Washington Times, I at various times, advanced Mr. Brisbane's funds through the Growing Circulation corporation which I believe is controlled or owned by Mr. Brisbane. The aforesaid funds were advanced on the dates and the amounts as hereinafter specified and in the following manner:

"I first drew a check or checks on the account at the Federal Trust company which stood in my name as trustee, such check or checks being paid to the order of the Federal Trust company, and the Federal Trust company then in turn would deliver to me a treasurer's check of the Federal Trust company payable to bearer which treasurer's checks I, in turn, delivered to Mr. Brisbane personally."

A letter from Brisbane to Feigenspan defining the terms of the loan is next given. This previously has been published by Mr. Brisbane. Mr. Brisbane has stated that he declined to accept the loan without interest. His only security, Feigenspan declares in his statement to the alien property custodian is the \$300,000 note of the Growing Circulation corporation.

STATUS OF HUN AGENT

Konta's letter to Tauscher included some expressions of doubtful compliment as to the status of the German agent here, but informs Tauscher that at Bernard Dernburg's request he has canvassed the prospects of buying newspapers.

The letter to Dernburg written March 1, 1915, goes into the subject of "the purchase and publication of a daily newspaper in this country in the interests of Germany and the German government."

It proceeds to discuss various New York newspapers from the standpoint of their success, proceeding from that to make deductions on the likelihood of their sale.

Next Konta took up the relation of the proposition and agitating it. It is not a question of temperance, which they advocate but of the actual prohibition by law of the sale of beer and liquor. A paper that would not be for the personal liberty of a person to drink in moderation in what he pleased, he could count upon the powerful support of the brewers and distillers, and what is more, means the giving of the paper in question a circulation large enough to attract advertisers.

PROPOSAL FOR SUPPORT

"And to this a discreet proposal to every German society in the country for support by its members, and we could easily count upon a national daily circulation of 500,000 copies. This, to be sure, would be a circulation among Germans and German-Americans. Meanwhile, a deficit would be changed into a profit to be used for further propaganda."

At no time in the Konta letters is Mr. Brisbane of the Times mentioned at all but Mr. Palmer, it was said, included the correspondent to prove his charge that the brewing interests were helping with the propaganda. Mr. Palmer's relations of these documents shot a stir through congress and official Washington which probably has not been approached since the declaration of the war. Since his Harrisburg speech Saturday a storm has arose around the ownership of papers by Mr. Brisbane.

BOUGHT WITH BEER MONEY

A New York dispatch, dated Sept. 20, says: C. W. Feigenspan, president of the United States brewers' association, tonight made public a letter to Senator King, chairman of the senate sub-committee on the

judiciary, in which he "frankly and freely confessed" that the association furnished Arthur Brisbane funds to finance the purchase of the Washington Times. He further admitted that the association, and the brewing interests generally, have maintained lobbyists at Washington and in various state capitals, "whose business it was to try, where possible, to protect us and checkmate those representing the opposition to our industry."

He vigorously denied charges of disloyalty, or pro-Germanism, both personally and on behalf of the association, and asked that he be permitted to appear before the sub-committee for questioning "without limit" on all the charges involved in the communication regarding the purchase of the Washington Times sent to Senator King by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

William A. De Ford, general counsel of the Star company, publishers of the William A. Hearst's newspapers, the New York American and the New York Evening Journal, issued a statement tonight explaining his connection with the Growing Circulation corporation, the concern through which Arthur Brisbane received the funds from brewers, which enabled him to purchase the Washington Times, as disclosed yesterday by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

Mr. De Ford, who was named as one of the directors of the corporation, said he had resigned from the corporation on March 11, 1916, which was more than year prior to the date of the loan of \$375,000 made through concern to Brisbane by C. W. Feigenspan, as trustee for a number of brewers. John T. Sturdevant and Thomas McEntegart, also named as directors to the corporation, likewise resigned and there was elected as president Mr. Brisbane's father-in-law, Seward Carey, with two of the editor's secretaries of other offices and directors.

The corporation, said Mr. De Ford, was organized on January 13, 1916, at Mr. Brisbane's request as an instrumentality for the delivery of Hearst newspapers, and Brisbane asked him, together with Sturdevant, his associate, and McEntegart, a clerk in his office, to act temporarily as incorporators and directors. The Star company afterward declined to contract with the corporation for the distribution of its papers, "and the Growing Circulation corporation," thereafter remained a mere shell. Later Brisbane advised him that he "desired to take over the nominal as well as the actual ownership" and to elect directors of his own choice. This was done at the meeting held March 11, 1916; "the first and only meeting by the company, which, either Mr. Sturdevant, Mr. McEntegart or myself attended." After authorizing an issue of \$10,000 capital stock to Mrs. Alice Brisbane Thursby, Brisbane's sister, for \$10,000 in cash, De Ford and his associates resigned and the other officers and directors were elected.

"The corporation transacted no business," said Mr. De Ford, "while I, or any member of my staff, was connected with its directorate, or while its records were in my possession; and, therefore, I never knew, until the publication of Mr. Palmer's statement, that the corporation possessed any funds or had transacted any business."

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