

ABE GROH IS HELD AS A SPY

Son of Omaha Clergyman Takes Picture of Old Fortress.

LOOKED ON WITH SUSPICION

Is Questioned by Officers, Who Send Him On to Others to Be Questioned Some More—Finally Convinces Them.

Arrested by officers of the Austrian army, hustled by blue-coated and bespangled officers, sub-officers, superior officers, and maybe sergeants, frowned upon by sarcastic military men whose breasts are crusted with medals, Abe Groh, son of Rev. Dr. L. Groh, of Omaha, spent a few days in captivity in and about Brien, in Austrian territory, and all for casually taking a snap-shot of a bit of their stinky scenery which contained a fortress.

"Boo!" and a guard appeared on a bicycle. "Don't you know you are not allowed to take pictures here?" "Why not?"

Well, there was no chance for argument, so the son tells Rev. Dr. Groh in a letter he has written home, so he went with the guard, who conducted him to the fortress. There he was brought before a great man in a sparkling uniform, who also asked him if he did not know who he was. Yes, he was a spy all right in the eyes of this great soldier in flashing uniform, "who has nothing to do but eat kroust and cheese and look down scornfully upon harmless travelers who happen to take a random snap-shot without knowing that there may be a fortress in line with the eye of the camera."

More Big Guns. Well, this big gun barked at him for a time, and then took him to another, maybe bigger gun, judging from the brass and silver and gold on his uniform. The man took down in writing the answers to the questions he asked him. Then a soldier with a wicked looking gun was ordered to take young Groh to Brixen, several miles away, and there deliver him up to the authorities.

Well, at Brixen he had to be subjected to another chain of red tape that lasted more than a day. Again he was asked countless questions and their answers were taken down. Then the officer sent for another uniformed spick and span piece of human tax devourer, that asked a lot more questions and a lot of the same ones young Groh had answered a dozen times. He said like a very wise detective that in sure he has captured a desperately bad man and glibly hinted that young Groh was lying about his picture taking.

Take His Films.

Groh was informed that the situation was very grave, as it was against the law to photograph forts now that the Balkan situation was perplexing Europe. Groh didn't care a fishbladder about their old fortress, but he couldn't make these taxing officers see it. Finally they sent for a photographer and had the films developed. They found that out of the several dozen pictures he had taken only one contained a fortress. They took that one away from him. They gradually unbent their stiff backs and decided that maybe young Groh had never murdered many Austrians and perhaps he had never blown up more than a million old castles and medieval fortresses, so they turned him loose.

The big smear then pronounced Groh a free man and told him that he, himself, had an uncle in Milwaukee in this great United States.

RALSTON FUND PASSES TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND

Table listing donors and amounts for the Ralston relief fund, totaling \$23,060.90.

An Ugly Gash should be covered with clean bandages, saturated with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Heals burns, wounds, sores, piles. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.—Advertisement.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

The Perfect Baby Of The Future

A Simple Method That Has a Wonderful Influence upon The Future Infant. Too much can not be said for a wonderful remedy, familiar to many women as Mother's Friend, in its action than all.

SWEDISH GIRL WINS PRIZE IN KNOW-OMAHA ESSAY CONTEST.



EMILY LARSON.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Electric Fans—Burgess-Granden Co. Fidelity Storage & Van Co.—Doug. 1518. Kave Root Print Co.—Now Beacon Press.

Dr. Kinler—Brandeis Theater Bldg., Nose and Throat. Phone Douglas 1581.

When you take your vacation leave your silverware, etc., in Omaha Safe Deposit Co.'s burglar proof vault. 1618 Farman St. \$1.00 per month for a good sized package.

The State Bank of Omaha pays 4 per cent on time deposits, 3 per cent on saving accounts. The only bank in Omaha whose depositors are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska, 17th and Harney streets.

Noonday Club Banquet—The Noonday club will hold a banquet at the Home hotel Monday evening, June 3. The banquet was originally scheduled for March, but on account of the tornado was postponed.

Runaway Lad Found—Charles Connolly, a 17-year-old runaway, living in Chicago, was picked up at the Union station by Officer Janssen. He is being held at the station until word can be received from his parents, who have had the police of the big cities hunting for the boy for over a month.

Miss Sullivan Goes to Europe—Miss Mary Sullivan, author of "Court Masques of James I." will leave Omaha as soon as school is out and spend the summer in Europe, studying Shakespearean sources, preparatory to writing another book. Miss Sullivan, a teacher in the Omaha schools, is an authority on Shakespeare.

To Help Fraternal Brother Rebuild—All members of Union Pacific lodge No. 17, Ancient Order United Workmen, are requested to meet at 244 Harney street this morning at 8 o'clock to assist their fellow member, A. F. Clark, in preparing to rebuild his house, which was demolished by the recent tornado.

Milkman is Fined—Max Mittelman, 2615 Second street, was brought to court charged by Dairy Inspector C. F. Bossard with conducting a dairy under unsanitary conditions and fined \$50 and costs. The police magistrate expressed his intention of treating all others guilty of the same condition with equal severity.

Progressive Party at Semis Park

"The Journey of Life," a progressive party, was given by the women of the First Congregational church at Semis Park, Friday evening. Houses in the neighborhood were visited by the guests, where they were banqueted and entertained. The party was very successful and largely attended.

Intestate Hearing Next Week—Complaints from nine Omaha shippers will be heard by a special examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which will hold a hearing here May 29 and 30. Eleven cases are docketed, two of which are from outside concerns. E. J. Mervann, manager of the traffic bureau of the Commercial club will present the cases of all the shippers.

Fire in Pumping Station—A fire, presumably starting from spontaneous combustion, broke out in the coal sheds of the Burt street pumping station, near the river, and did damage estimated at \$20. The flames started in coal sheds adjoining the old boiler room of the affair, the roof and doors of which were badly burned. None of the machinery was damaged either by the fire or water. One fire engine succeeded in putting out the conflagration.

Burlington Road Wreck—James F. Lish, passenger in the caboose of a Burlington freight train from Louisville to South Bend, May 16, has brought suit against the railroad company for \$2,969 damages for a beating which he says he received from the conductor. Lish alleges that he was reaching for his ticket when the conductor attacked him. He says he was struck and kicked, that his nose was broken; his eyes blackened; his cheek bone fractured, and that he was injured internally.

Urges Building of Interurban Car Lines

W. R. Little, president of the Commercial club of Tarkio, Mo., has written to the Omaha Commercial club urging construction work for interurban lines out of Omaha, and especially for the Omaha-St. Joseph line. He said he had read in The Bee that the Commercial club had determined to make great efforts to secure the building of interurbans and would suggest that a meeting be held at which all the towns between St. Joseph and Omaha would be represented. It could be pushed through, he said. The towns along the line are Keosauqua, Desiring H. A line to St. Joseph would also connect Omaha with Kansas City, as an interurban between that city and St. Joseph has recently been put into operation.

REDUCTION IN PAY UNLIKELY

Cadet Taylor Feels that Legislation is Over Clerical Error.

OMAHA CUSTOMS ARE HEAVY

In Comparison with Other Points with Higher Compensation for Surveyor Office Does Great Deal More Business.

Regarding the Washington dispatches touching upon proposed legislation to prevent the reduction of the salary of Cadet Taylor, surveyor of customs of the Omaha district, Mr. Taylor said that he has understood it, the proposed legislation was not really to prevent the reduction of his salary, but merely to correct a clerical error that probably crept into the transcript of the president's order.

"I am informed officially," said Mr.

Taylor, "that the apportioning of the \$2,500 salary to the surveyor of customs at Omaha is merely a clerical error, as there are many offices that do much less business than we do whose surveyors get a larger salary, according to the new arrangement, so I can see no reason for reducing this office to \$2,500, unless the thing can be explained by a possible clerical error in making transcripts of the report."

Mr. Taylor is not in the least worried about the report which quotes his salary as \$2,500, while it quotes that of the surveyor of the district of Tennessee at \$2,600, that of the surveyor of Utah at \$2,500 and at other places similarly higher than at Omaha, while the Omaha office does the largest business. The Omaha office does something like a 30 per cent greater business than the Tennessee office and yet that surveyor is fixed for a salary of \$3,500. Omaha does a customs business seven times greater than the Utah office and that surveyor is fixed for a salary of \$2,500. Other districts

that do no more than half the business done by the Omaha office are fixed for a salary of \$3,000 or more. No, Mr. Taylor says he is not at all worried about the outcome, as he feels confident the \$2,500 stipulation for his office is a mere typographical error and that his salary will be larger when it comes.

WOODMEN TO HAVE CHARGE OF WALTER MORSE BURIAL

The funeral of Walter Morse, 5313 North Twenty-fifth street, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Pearl Memorial church, Twenty-fourth and Larimore streets.

Magnolia camp of the Modern Woodmen of America will have charge of the burial at Forest Lawn cemetery. The members of the camp will meet at the hall, Twenty-fourth and Ames avenue, and a chartered street car will carry them to the Morse home.

BETTER MOW WEEDS NOW

Or the City May Do it and Charge it Up to You.

RESPONSIBLE FOR HAY FEVER

Pestiferous Vegetation is Not Only Unightly, but Also Carries Many Germs that Generate Disease.

"Mow your weeds," says City Health Commissioner R. W. Connell, "or you'll get hay fever and the city will cut 'em for you. Weeds may carry disease germs and they are responsible for hay fever."

Tom Harrington of the health commissioner's office will suggest to the charter convention that some provision be made to make non-resident property owners

WELSH AS AN EXPERT ON SHIPPING POTATOES

Weather Forecaster Welsh was called to the witness stand in Judge Estelle's district court to produce his records concerning the weather in November, 1911, in a case in which Weinstein and Adler produce dealers, were suing Mrs. Augusta Kosiska for payment for 800 worth of potatoes, which she asserted were damaged by freezing. His records showed that the temperature varied from a few degrees above zero to 28 above at the time the potatoes were in shipment from South Dakota. The jury found for the plaintiffs.

A Home Like This Is Happiness

Advertisement for Hartman's furniture featuring a man in a suit and a woman in a dress sitting at a table. Text: "You may wander over this entire world in search of pleasure, and you may succeed in securing a good measure of it, but, after you have enjoyed everything else to the limit, you'll agree that 'THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME.' Then why not use the SPARE QUARTERS and HALF DOLLARS you spend in PASSING PLEASURES to make your home so cozy, so comfortable and so attractive that every member of your family will find their GREATEST ENJOYMENT there. DO NOT deny yourself any longer—FORGET the small salary or limited savings account. Hartman's EXTREMELY LIBERAL, EASY PAYING, MONTHLY CREDIT TERMS are at your disposal—IT'S UP TO YOU to take advantage of them. Note THIS WEEK'S offerings and credit terms."

Advertisement for furniture featuring a large refrigerator, a hand mirror, a bed, and a kitchen cabinet. Text: "GREATEST OUTFIT ON EARTH FOR THE PRICE. 4 ROOMS COMPLETELY FURNISHED Everything Ready for Housekeeping \$5 per month \$99. HANDSOME PRINCESS DRESSER, in massive colonial design, made of American quartered oak, well finished and highly polished. Large oval mirror with full swell front and wood knobs. A great value at \$9.98. THIS MASSIVE OVER-STUFFED IMPERIAL LEATHER ROCKER is without doubt the greatest bargain ever offered in this city. Frame is of American quartered oak, upholstered in a high grade of imperial leather, deeply tufted over a full set of steel springs. Limited number of them on sale for this week at this low price. \$10.95. Big Kitchen Cabinet Value. HARTMAN'S SPECIAL WAXED OAK KITCHEN CABINET, just like illustration. Made with every known convenience for the kitchen, including sliding nickel metal top, individual flour and cake bin, sugar bin, handy utensil drawers, kneading board and separate compartment for pans with large, roomy china compartment above. The greatest value ever offered at the unheard-of price of \$17.85."

Advertisement for a large size refrigerator. Text: "Large Size Refrigerator. MADE OF THE BEST HARD WOOD, finished in a golden oak, has large removable ice tank with ice rack and removable drain pipe. The two shelves are of wire, nickel plated with heavy brass hinges and door handles. Ice capacity 75 pounds. This is a splendid value at \$13.65."

Advertisement for a complete go-cart. Text: "COMPLETE SHOWING OF GO CARTS, PEANUT-LATORS AND SULKIES. Handsome Go-Cart. NEW 1913 MODEL GO-CART. Folds completely with one motion, hood and all. Frame is built entirely of tubular steel, with large size wheels covered with heavy cushion tires. Upholstered in high grade imperial leather, made with cushion seat and back. For this week at the special price of \$4.95."

Advertisement for a complete bed outfit. Text: "\$21.00 COMPLETE BED OUTFIT. \$1.50 CASH \$1.50 A MONTH. \$12.35. Consisting of massive 2-in. post, metal bars, all-steel spring and high grade felt top mattress. THIS BED OUTFIT AS SHOWN IN ILLUSTRATION is one of the best values ever offered. The bed is made entirely of steel with 2-inch continuous posts without the usual cast ornamental pillars. Pillars are 3/4-inch in size. The mattress is of high grade material weighing 45 pounds, with sanitary felt top and strong ticking. The springs are made with all steel frame and wire fabric top. The complete set for this week only, at this remarkably low price \$12.35."

Advertisement for an elegant colonial buffet. Text: "Elegant Colonial Buffet. Finished in a beautiful high grade American quarter sawed oak, polished to a mirror-like brilliancy. Has two large silverware drawers at the top, one large center drawer, and roomy compartment below for china. Top is set off with French beveled mirror, measuring 18x30 inches, set in a heavy frame, supported by carved posts. A truly great value, \$13.65 at."

Advertisement for a massive library table. Text: "Massive Library Table. THIS BEAUTIFUL AND LARGE SIZE LIBRARY TABLE is made of high grade selected American quarter sawed oak. Very attractive in appearance and a strict colonial design. The top of table measures 32x42 inches. Has a large drawer and a convenient magazine and book shelf below. The greatest value of its kind ever offered at the low price of \$8.95."

Advertisement for a remarkable 7-piece dining set. Text: "Remarkable 7-Piece Dining Set Bargain. A RARE BARGAIN OFFER IN A SEVEN-PIECE SOLID OAK DINING ROOM SET. The six solid oak chairs have panel backs, full box seats, upholstered in high grade imperial leather. Table has large top, 6-foot extension and easy running slides. Pedestal is massive and supported by four large handsome carved claw feet. This remarkable set on sale for this week and while they last at the low price of \$18.95."

Advertisement for Monarch Brussels rugs. Text: "Monarch Brussels Rugs. THESE 9x12 MONARCH BRUSSELS RUGS ARE OF THE LATEST SPRING DESIGN. The colors are so blended as to harmonize with any furnishings. Made of wool washed and woven into the newest floral and oriental designs. Suitable for parlor, dining room or bed room. Every rug possesses good wearing quality and priced exceptionally low \$10.98 at."

Large advertisement for Hartman's furniture. Text: "HARTMAN'S 1414-16-18 DOUGLAS ST."