

BANK CLERK STEALS RECORDS FOR KOENIG

Rockefeller Employe Confesses Selling Cablegrams and Bank Secrets to Kaiser's Agent.

WOULD WRECK WELLAND CANAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Detectives following the trail of plotters seeking to destroy ships bearing ammunition to the allies today arrested Frederick Schleiendl, a clerk in the National City bank, whom they charge with larceny of documents, cablegrams and messages, which, it is alleged, he turned over to representatives of the German government. These documents, the detectives say, gave information as to which ships bore ammunition across the sea.

Schleiendl is also alleged to have given information to the German representatives as to what firms were manufacturing war supplies in this country and also the amounts of money placed in certain banks to the credit of the allies. Schleiendl was taken to police headquarters for further examination.

"Schleiendl," detectives said, "confessed to having obtained information regarding shipments of munitions and other matters, saying that he did that at the direction of Paul Koenig, head of the bureau of investigation of the Hamburg-American line, who was arrested yesterday on the charge of plotting to destroy the Welland canal."

Detectives said they found in Schleiendl's pockets a telegram relating to a shipment of 2,000 rifles to the allies. The message was from the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger to a New York bank. Schleiendl told meeting Koenig, who, he said, used an alias last May, according to detectives, and having kept in touch with the German consul here since the opening of the war. The prisoner, who said he was a German reservist, declared that when he met Koenig at an uptown hotel, arrangements were made for him to obtain cablegrams and other documents at the National City bank. For this work, Schleiendl told the police, he has been receiving about \$35 a week.

Police claim today that they found among Koenig's effects, papers indicating that he had had relations with Schleiendl.

The arrests of Schleiendl, Koenig and Richard Emil Leyendecker, a New York antique dealer, were directly due to a confession made several weeks ago by George Fuchs of New York, a relative of Koenig.

Schleiendl was held in \$50,000 bail for examination Monday, when he was arraigned today before a police magistrate on a short affidavit charging suspicion of grand larceny in connection with the disappearance from the National City bank of papers and documents which the police said were valued at \$100,000.

Detectives further testified at the arraignment that documents alleged to have been furnished to Paul Koenig by Schleiendl described in detail the cargo in No. 7 hold of the steamship Minnehaha when fire was discovered aboard the vessel while in midocean on a voyage to Europe.

Paul Koenig and Richard Emil Leyendecker were held in \$50,000 and \$30,000 bail, respectively, by United States Commissioner Houghton today when they were arraigned before him on charges of conspiring to destroy the Welland canal.

PLOT TO RUIN WELLAND CANAL

Paul Koenig and Three Other Men Are Arrested in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Charged with conspiring in a military enterprise to destroy the Welland canal, the Canadian waterway which connects Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, three men are under arrest here today awaiting arraignment before a United States commissioner, while a fourth man is in the custody of the government authorities. Those under arrest are:

Paul Koenig, formerly head of the bureau of investigation of the Hamburg-American line, who, it is charged, has been the head of the German secret service in the United States since the beginning of the war.

Richard E. Leyendecker, a retailer of art goods in this city, a naturalized American, alleged to have been employed by Koenig.

Frederick Metzler of Jersey City, reported to have been a clerk in the offices of the Hamburg-American line and secretary to Koenig.

The fourth man held in custody is George Fuchs, who was formerly in Koenig's employ and who has given the authorities valuable information.

So far as is known, he is not alleged to be a party to any conspiracy.

The arrests were made last night under the direction of the agents of the Department of Justice.

The evidence which led to the arrest of the three defendants was given by George Fuchs, who, it is charged, quarreled with Koenig over the payment of \$5, which he claims Koenig owed him.

The purpose of the alleged attempt to block the canal was, it is charged, to prevent the movement of supplies down the Great Lakes and through the Welland canal and St. Lawrence river to the entente allies.

The names of workers in San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Boston and other cities are said to have been discovered among documents seized by the authorities in a raid upon the offices of Koenig and Leyendecker.

The penalty for the crime charged in this case is three years in prison, or \$2,000 fine, or both.

YORK CITIZENS FAVOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP PLAN

YORK, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—At a mass meeting of the citizens of York Friday evening, called for the purpose of discussing public ownership of public utilities, a resolution to this effect was unanimously adopted. There appeared to be very little opposition to public ownership, and on motion the following resolution on the question was adopted:

"That we go on record in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities, and that we begin with the water works and in time install an electric light plant in connection therewith, and that the chairman of this meeting be authorized to appoint a committee of five to perfect an organization of citizens to carry into effect this resolution."

The committee consists of W. L. Klinefelter, William Colton, C. R. Keckley, H. W. Bell and J. J. Price, with A. G. Wray, T. P. Owen, William Belcher, Henry Baer and J. E. Carlin, alternates.

Hungry Man Can Easily Get a Meal if He Shows an Inclination to Work

"Where can a hungry man without the price of a meal or a friend in the city get his breakfast?" asked a woman who has had several callers at her back door this week.

The best answer to the question was furnished by Captain Kline of the Salvation Army industrial home on Dodge street. The captain says he has had many years' experience with down-and-outers and was one of them himself "once upon a time." At his industrial home the work test is applied and the applicant is given at least a "once over" before being fed. In substance the captain said:

"We have various classes of men who come to us for breakfasts and other meals. I might say that no man who is willing to work goes hungry. We have a class of men who work for us for a week or several weeks and we furnish them meals and lodgings and pay them something in addition, to give them a start. I am frank to say that if a man comes to our place and asks for breakfast and it appears to be a bum, we do not feed him. You can distinguish between the really unfortunate man and the hobo.

We feed men who are just out of a hospital without any question. We sell tickets to business men and others who distribute the tickets to applicants for aid, the tickets being honored at our place. I know of a recent case of a man who bought a book of 150 tickets and he distributed every ticket, but only sixty of the lot appeared at our place for a meal, or meal and lodging, as the case might have been. The answer is that most of the ninety sated for money with which to buy drink and did not care to come to our place for a meal. I realize the force of the argument that it is no time to moralize and argue when a man comes to you and says he is hungry. And I want to add that no man able and willing to work need go without his breakfast or any other meal in Omaha. But we do intend to head off the professional mouchers in order that we may assist those deserving of assistance. "The imperial and royal government of America does not maintain a restaurant at its headquarters, but it issues tickets on restaurants and maintains lodgings. Two years ago he conducted a "bread line" during the very cold weather and fed hundreds every day.

AUSTRIA'S REPLY TO ANCONA NOTE

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ence to the special circumstances of the incriminating events upon which it itself lays stress, and why, in lieu thereof, it refused an exchange of correspondence, which it has conducted with another government in other cases.

"The imperial and royal government in the least able to follow the Washington cabinet on this unusual path, since it by no means possesses authentic knowledge of all of the pertinent correspondence of the government of the United States, nor is it of the opinion that such knowledge might be sufficient for it in the present case, which, in so far as it is informed, is in essential points of another nature than the case or cases to which the government of the United States seems to allude. The imperial and royal government may therefore leave it to the Washington cabinet to formulate the particular points of law against which the commanding officer of the submarine is alleged to have offended on the occasion of the sinking of the Ancona.

Knows of No Berlin Precedent. "The government of the United States has also seen fit to refer to the attitude which the Berlin cabinet assumed in the

above mentioned correspondence. The imperial and royal government finds in the much esteemed note no indication whatever of the intent with which this reference was made. Should, however, the government of the United States thereby have intended to express an opinion to the effect that a prejudice of whatever nature existed for the imperial and royal government with respect to the judicial consideration of the affair in question, this government must, in order to preclude possible misunderstanding, declare that as a matter of course it reserves to itself full freedom of maintaining its own legal views in the discussion of the case of the Ancona.

In having the honor to have recourse to the kindness of his excellency, the ambassador of the United States of America, with the most respectful request to be good enough to communicate the foregoing to the American government and on this occasion to state that the imperial and royal government, in no less degree than the American government and under all circumstances, most sincerely deprecates the fate of the innocent victims of the incident in question, the undersigned at the same time avails himself of this opportunity to renew the expression of his most distinguished consideration to his excellency, the ambassador. (Signed) "BURIAN. (Signed) "TENFIELD."

WEEKS UNABLE TO SPEAK IN OMAHA

Senator from Massachusetts Wires McKinley Club Press of Business Prevents Engagement.

OTHER SENATORS INVITED

Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts has just wired the McKinley club that he will be unable to speak before it during the holidays. When passing through here a few weeks ago Senator Weeks promised to try to arrange to be here about December 28, but he finds that on account of personal matters requiring his attention at his home in Massachusetts and congressional matters in Washington he will be unable to come here. The club hopes to have him

speaking here later in the primary campaign.

Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, who will be home for Christmas at Grand Rapids, Mich., has been invited to speak before the club.

Senator Cummings is reported to have changed his mind about making political speeches, and will speak before a club in St. Paul during the holidays. He may be invited to speak during the Christmas holidays before the McKinley club.

On account of the inability of the presidential candidates, most of whom are senators, to leave Washington during the session of congress, the club has invited Senator-elect James W. Wadsworth of New York to come here early in the spring. Senator Wadsworth was recently chosen as the successor of Senator Root. He is a very young man to be elected senator, and has had a very rapid rise in his political career.

Brainard Store Robbed.

BRAINARD, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The general merchandise store of John Pula was robbed last night. Six dollars in cash was taken from the register and about \$100 to \$150 worth of silks. Nothing else in the store was taken. There is no clue to the thieves.

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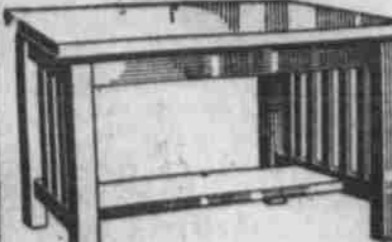
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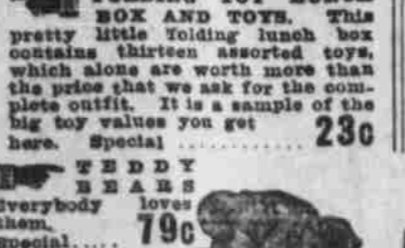
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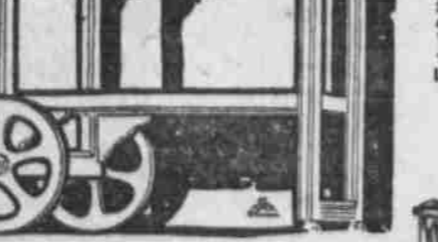
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