

CUAZ, GOLD THIEF, ADMITS HIS GUILT

Head of Band Which Robbed Mines of Many Thousands to Testify Against Fellow Plotters.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 25.—Antonio Cuaz, alleged head of the so-called "high grading conspiracy," pleaded guilty in the United States district court today. Sentence was deferred. Cuaz, it was announced, will be the principal witness against eighteen other men indicted with him. Cuaz admitted his guilt on three counts—conspiracy to defraud the government, conspiracy to commit an offense against the government and use of the mails to defraud.

Cuaz was said to be the sales agent of the organization. He, with others, had been under surveillance for many months prior to his arrest and, although it had not been intended that any men should be taken into custody until indictments had been brought by a federal grand jury, as one of the secret service men said, "when the mint wired us that Tony was there with \$15,000 in gold it seemed too bad to let him get away with it."

According to the account of the affair given by this officer, who was at the heart of the work of running down the alleged conspirators, the mint officials told Cuaz to return the next day. When he did so, he was arrested. Within a few hours thereafter John B. Cusack, John Muelhausen, Carl Muelhausen, Martin Snodgrass and Charles E. Reed, all of Cheyenne, had been arrested here, and Frank Cochran, an assayer, had been arrested at his home in Victor, Colo.

These men, the officers said, were held on charges of "defrauding the government," because the method of operation of the alleged organization was to receive stolen high-grade gold ore from miners at an assayer's office where it was smelted, then conveyed it to other points, one of which was said to be Cheyenne, in automobiles, and later to ship it to some point designated, where one of the members of the organization would offer it for sale at a federal mint or assay office, which, the officers pointed out, placed the government in the position of receiving stolen goods. Most of the ore, government men said, came from mines in the Cripple Creek, Colo., district.

Bombs Intended for Norse Ship Are Captured

London, June 24.—The seizure of a quantity of explosives which had just reached Christiania, Norway, from Germany, and the arrest of three foreigners, has been officially confirmed, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The Tildes Tegn says that 1,000 kilograms of explosives were seized, including a number of infernal machines. One of the men arrested is A. Rautenfels, a German citizen, born in Finland, who declared that bombs were intended for use in Finland.

According to the newspaper, however, the infernal machines, which were enclosed in cases resembling lumps of coal, were to have been put aboard Norwegian ships in the coal bunkers. It adds that the discovery of the plot probably explains the loss of many Norwegian ships that were supposed to have been mined or torpedoed.

Engineer Richardson Blamed for Train Wreck

Lincoln, June 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles F. Richardson, engineer of the eastbound freight that ran into and wrecked the westbound freight near Bushnell on the Union Pacific railroad last October, throwing the latter onto the other track and wrecking a passenger train which came along a few moments later, is held responsible by the State Railway commission for the wreck, after an investigation. The commission holds that Richardson failed to obey distance and stop signals, which were working perfectly. The engineer was later discharged by the company.

British Ship Ortolan Sunk by Submarine

Montreal, June 25.—The British steamship Ortolan, a vessel of 2,145 tons gross, owned by the General Steam Navigation company of London, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine June 14 and three members of its crew lost their lives, according to survivors of the ship who arrived today. An American vessel, which was about four miles from the scene of the sinking, came to the rescue and several shots were fired at the submersible from guns on board that ship.

Lincoln Student Officer Burned During Field Drill

Minneapolis, Minn., June 25.—(Special Telegram.)—William F. Royner, of Lincoln, Neb., student officer at Fort Snelling, may lose his hands as a result of their being seriously burned today. Royner was doing field sketch work with other embryo officers and when he threw a steel tape over the bridge across the Mississippi, it touched a live wire. His hand may be amputated.

Suicide Follows Arrest For Failure to Register

Arthur, Neb., June 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Roy Volgamut, a home-steader living seven miles north of here, was found dead in his house with a wound in his head and a revolver in his hand. Volgamut was of the age to have registered on June 5, but did not do so. The sheriff had brought him to town only the day before to take his registration.

Omaha Lad Writes of Strenuous Life the Cavalry Boys Are Leading

Walton (Dode) Gross, Omaha boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gross, who is now a member of Troop G, First cavalry, U. S. A., at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., in writing home to his parents, says the cavalry life is a great one, "if a fellow doesn't weaken."



WALTON GROSS.

The letter in part follows: "Three days ago our troops got a new mount. He was the most beautiful horse I ever saw. The fellow that got him was unable to drill with him and was sick the next day after his attempt. The chap that was given the horse the next day couldn't drill with him and refused to ride him again. I took him yesterday and drilled to a finish."

There is a report going around that our cavalry will be sent to Honolulu, the Mexican border or Russia within two months, but it is not official. If we do I will let you know in time to come back to dear old Omaha before we leave.

"I don't have much time to do anything now but feel fine and if a looking glass don't lie, I don't look so worse. They take us out to the drill grounds in the morning, trot for fifteen minutes with reins and stirrups, then walk five minutes without reins and stirrups, then trot again without reins and stirrups for an hour, then walk for ten minutes, and do part of the cavalry "monkey drill."

such as keeping your legs in place and laying back on your horse, etc. "Many of the 'Joins' (raw recruits) are all in when that drill is over, but it's a great life if you don't weaken. The stable sergeant is my pal, and a graduate from Kansas university."

AMERICAN GUNNERS BEAT OFF SUBMARINE

Passenger Liner Saved From Attack of U-Boat by Gunfire; Torpedo Narrowly Misses Vessel.

An English Port, June 25.—American naval gunners successfully fought off a big German submarine which attacked an American passenger liner off the coast of Ireland last night. A torpedo fired by the submarine missed its target by less than twenty feet.

The encounter occurred at midnight after the liner had been in the submarine zone many hours. A large number of the passengers on board were reading in the cabins or lying in chairs on the deck ready for an emergency.

A staff correspondent of the Associated Press was talking with the lieutenant in charge of the gunners' crews when the gunners crowded about the forward guns and also the ship's officers of the bridge sighted the wake of a torpedo as it went spinning toward the bow. The lieutenant jumped to his station as the lookout cried:

"Torpedo and submarine off starboard bow."

The ship swung around so sharply that the decks were tilted at an angle of 20 degrees. Immediately there came the bark and flash of a gun.

Passengers Crowd Decks. Passengers, binding life belts about themselves, swarmed to the decks. The ship's officers hurried among them, counseling calmness. Another gun, this time pointed farther astern, was fired and the projectile in its flight struck a long boom swung over the side, to which a log line was attached. The liner at that moment was wallowing between two great waves. The conning tower of the submarine, outlined for a moment against the sky, was all that was visible.

They soon lost sight of the raider in the darkness and were unable to tell whether any of the shots hit the mark. Two minutes later gunners at the stern of the ship saw a conning tower above the surface of the water, in the wake of the steamer. The vessel was rolling so heavily that the gunners were unable to get their gun pointed before the submarine again disappeared. Every ounce of steam available was fed to the engines and the ship was quickly out of the danger zone.

The system is now about to be extended to agricultural food products and applies to the harvest of 1917. Orders have been issued at Berlin to begin a giant card catalogue, in which all grains on the stalk, potatoes still in the ground, the fruit on the trees and other products will be entered together with details of acreage, the number of individuals and live stock on each farm and the amount of food and fodder the farmer is entitled to retain for all purposes.

This will be followed by regular reports through all stages of growth, harvest and delivery through the hands of the wholesaler, miller and the retailer to the ultimate consumer.

The system is introduced at the instance of the Prussian food commissioner, Dr. Michaelis, not only for furnishing the government the report of food supply, but to avoid erroneous reports, such as causing a near catastrophe this spring, but also to prevent the agriculturist from feeding potatoes and grain, counted upon as rations for the people, to his cattle, pigs and draft animals.

Mearle Parmele of Plattsmouth is Drowned. Plattsmouth, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—Mearle Parmele, age 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Parmele of this city, was drowned in a pond on the James Sage ranch, across the Missouri river from here, Sunday morning about 11 o'clock.

Young Parmele, who could not swim, tried to paddle across the pond on a log. It overturned where the water was the deepest and James Jones, who was in the water with him, was unable to save him. The body was recovered about three-quarters of an hour later and brought to this city.

Albert Funk and Mr. Parmele were operating the Sage ranch under a lease.

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Young Men Who Steal Whisky Admit Burglary. Tecumseh, Neb., June 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff R. H. Holmes and Deputy James Morrissey with the Beatrice bloodhounds early this morning captured five young men from the Crab Orchard neighborhood, who had broken into the cellar of Peter Kruger, a farmer, and stolen half a gallon of whisky and fifteen bottles of beer.

The men are Jesse Withide, Russell Richardson, Joseph Crane, Verne Griffin and Bernard Mahler. They were taken before County Judge James Livingstone in the county court today and each pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary. District court is in session here and the men will be taken before the district judge for sentence.

RENEWED ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT

Extensive Raids Are Reported in Every Important Sector from Belgium to St. Quentin.

(Associated Press War Summary.) The British front in northern France is again developing signs of renewed activity. Today's official statement from London details an unusual number of raids carried out by the British in virtually every important sector from Belgium to St. Quentin.

Operations by raiding forces on this scale are usually the prelude to offensive movements of moment. General Haig has not struck a hard blow on any extended front since the week of the Messines fighting, when the famous ridge on the Belgian front was captured and the way prepared for further smashing operations in this sector.

Incident to last night's raids were local operations that gained ground for the British. Thus some progress by their below Lens and northwest of Warneton, in the Messines area, is reported.

Lull Along French Front. There is a momentary lull in the infantry activities on the Aisne front. The French have virtually succeeded in re-establishing in its entirety their line in the Vauxaillon area, dented by the crown prince's forces in a sudden drive on a narrow front last week.

Further fighting is in prospect to the east of this sector in the skirmishing for position on the part of the two armies, each anxious to gain dominating points for either offensive or defensive purposes.

In this connection, the artillery activity reported today along various portions of the Chemin-des-Dames plateau is significant.

Tighten Grip Around Lens. British Headquarters in France, June 25.—Although the official statements report little activity, the British are keeping up their pressure, day and night, along the entire 120-mile front they occupy. Last night a number of local enterprises were carried out successfully.

One of these operations was rather important, increasing, as it does, the British grip about Lens. Under the light of the stars British troops stormed and captured 400 yards of front line trenches east of Riamont wood, on the western outskirts of Lens, thus drawing closer to the mining capital of France.

Elsewhere several raids in the darkness served to keep the Prussian nerves on edge. One of these was undertaken west of Hulluch. Here fifteen prisoners were brought in, while during a period of two and one-half hours the British remained in the enemy trenches. Heavy casualties were inflicted upon the Germans and their dugouts were bombed.

Two more raids were carried out east of Rouex and in the region of Vendhuile, while a local push north-west of Warneton secured two advance posts. In this affair a number of Germans were killed.

Senate Hastens Action on Food Control Measure

Washington, June 25.—Senate leaders today arranged to expedite the food control bill passed Saturday by the house.

The bill was referred by the senate today without discussion to the agriculture committee. Senator Reed of Missouri continued his attack upon it. Chief among the amendments proposed are some extending government control to iron and steel and their products, oil, petroleum products, copper, lead, zinc and fertilizers.

Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, said there was much sentiment for having the government control basic materials as well as food. A half dozen amendments to the bill were introduced today. Senator Lewis, democrat of Illinois, offered a substitute bill proposing that the president shall have general broad authority to issue regulations for control of foodstuffs, specifically enumerating those held for "monopolization" or "unjust prices."

Several measures which have been before the senate as part of the war legislation also were tacked onto the bill as amendments.

Senator Walsh put in his bill permitting the government to lease coal and oil lands. The bill giving the president power to direct priority in railroad shipments was offered as an amendment by Senator Ransdell. Senator Wadsworth tacked on the trading with the enemy bill and Senator Cummins proposed amendments declaring every product, including foodstuffs, cotton, coal and steel, subject to control and requisition should it become necessary.

Democratic Leader Kitchin predicted adjournment of congress by August 1 or August 15 today in announcing that after next Wednesday or Thursday he would ask for three-day adjournments until the senate has passed some of the house legislation now before it.

Rain Improves Crop Prospects in Germany

Copenhagen, June 25.—A report sent out today by the German government says that in consequence of the long desired rainfall, the crop prospect in southern and western Germany really is brilliant. In the middle and eastern provinces it is thoroughly satisfactory.

Private reports received by the Associated Press up to the end of the second week of June describe prospects for 1917 as anything but brilliant. They say that rains are urgently needed and if they come opportunely could do much to save suffering spring grain and improve winter grain prospects, but in case could produce better than a bare middle harvest.

Belgian Mission Will Visit the Pacific Coast

Washington, June 25.—The Belgian diplomatic mission has tentatively arranged a trip through the United States extending to the Pacific coast. Invitations have been received from scores of cities and it is practically settled that the mission will make the most elaborate tour of any of the foreign visitors.

COCCHI KILLED GIRL WHILE HYPNOTIZED

Italian Says He Murdered Miss Oruger While Under Spell of Her Dark, Penetrating Eyes.

Bologna, June 25.—Interrogation of Alfredo Cocchi, self-confessed slayer of Ruth Cruger in New York, is kept secret by law in Italy until just before trial, when counsel are allowed to examine the confession. According to unofficial information, Cocchi said:

"My machine shop gave me a satisfactory position. I earned sometimes \$100 a week. I had never seen Ruth Cruger before she came to my shop to have her skates sharpened. From the very beginning Ruth did all in her power to attract my attention. I felt something strange when her dark, penetrating eyes fixed upon mine."

"I was still more disconcerted when she came again February 13 to get her skates. An overpowering attraction for the young woman seized me. What happened afterwards seems like a dream. My memory at this point fails me utterly."

"In view of the facts which have been presented it must be true I attacked and killed her. But God help me, I didn't mean to. My will power could not resist any more. When I

Circles Globe to Make Journey of Nine Hours

Washington, June 25.—Charles J. Vopica, American minister to Serbia, Bulgaria and Roumania, today is preparing to leave here in continuation of his globe-circling trip from Bucharest to Jassy, cities usually nine hours distant. The minister was in Bucharest when the Germans took the city and was not allowed to pass the lines to his station at Jassy. In order to resume his duties in Roumania he found it necessary to cross Austria-Hungary and Germany and embark for America. His route now lies across the Pacific and through Siberia and Russia.

returned home I was like a person in a trance. I remember speaking of this peculiar mental condition and thought I was ill.

"I began to realize the gravity of my position the morning of February 15 when newspaper reporters came to my shop to make inquiries and policemen questioned me. I felt then as if I were lost. My only anxiety was to escape. I secured a passport which I kept among my papers and succeeded in reaching Italy. On my arrival I was overcome by remorse. I cannot myself believe that my hitherto unblemished life has been destroyed forever. This is my first offense, but it is of such a nature that I cannot believe it to be true. The greatest punishment is to think what suffering and agony my wife and children are undergoing, as, notwithstanding our misunderstandings, we love each other most tenderly."

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