

FAKE NOBLEMAN TRICKED IN FRAUD INVOLVING HUGE 50 MILLION MORGAN LOAN

**Negotiations Involving State Department Revealed By
Arrest of Telephone Operator Who Masqueraded As
Confidential Representative to King of Spain;
Duped Prominent Actress.**

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 16.—How a \$15 a week telephone operator, posing as "his excellency, the Marquis Edmond Roussetol Di Castillot, confidential representative of His Majesty, King Alfonso XIII, of Spain," opened negotiations with the banking house of J. P. Morgan and company for a loan of \$50,000,000 to Spain and, by promising that Spain would enter the war on the side of the entente allies, brought the State department into the matter was revealed in the federal court here today, when three indictments were returned against Edmond Roussetol, under the espionage law.

ARRESTED ON OTHER CHARGE

Roussetol was pressing his plan for the loan when chance caused his arrest on another charge and his castle in Spain quickly toppled.

William Pierson Hamilton, of the Morgan house, was foreman of the grand jury which returned the indictments and was familiar with the entire transaction, because he was the member of the firm to whom the matter was entrusted.

When the subject of the loan was broached to the bank by Roussetol, who had been properly introduced by W. E. D. Stokes of New York City, the bank immediately communicated, with Secretary Lansing, who opposed the loan to the Spanish government through an individual and suggested that it be taken up through the regular channels.

Roussetol objected to this method of procedure, explaining that the loan was to be made personally to King Alfonso, and it was because of this secret arrangement he could promise that Spain was to join the entente allies.

The negotiations were still under way and Mr. Hamilton had the matter under consideration, when Roussetol, about three weeks ago, was arrested on the charge of falsely representing himself as "Count Roussetol," a French diplomat here on a secret mission, and being unable to obtain bail was sent to jail. This led to inquiry and the whole affair was laid before the grand jury.

Duped a Woman.

It developed that Roussetol had not confined his operations to banking houses, but numbered among his confiding friends one woman from whom he had borrowed \$10,000 on oil stocks of doubtful value, but for the redemption of which he had pledged his "ancestral estates."

Another of his friends was a prominent actress, who told the authorities she had been introduced to "Count Roussetol" and believing him to be in the French diplomatic service had visited an English warship in the harbor with him. As his credentials were well covered with seals which seemed to be all right, they were taken over the ship, and shown every courtesy, she said.

Life of Luxury.

Roussetol established himself in a suite in a fashionable hotel and there received many letters which are described as being covered with crests and seals and addressed to him as "Marquis," "Count," and "King's Messenger."

These documents, when examined by the authorities, proved to be letters apparently written by himself. One of them, purporting to have come from the king of Spain, bore a large red seal impressed by the stamp of the commissioner of deeds of West Chester county, New York. He also had a rubber stamp bearing the words "Ministre De La Guerre," which the authorities allege, he used while posing as a French diplomat.

When representing himself as the agent of the king of Spain, he used a crest cut from the advertising of a leading furrier, they declared.

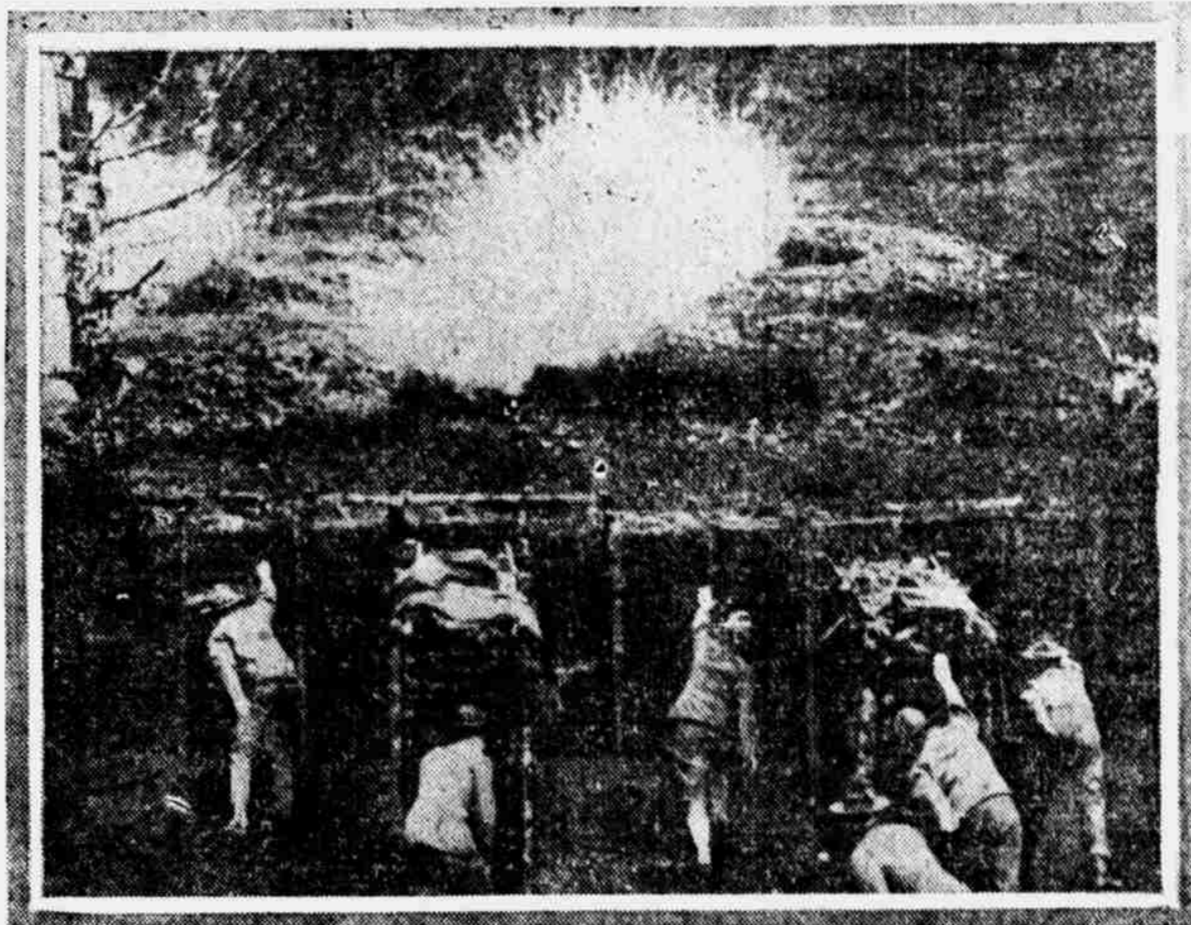
A little later, Roussetol moved to the Hotel Ansonia, where he told Mr. Stokes, the owner, that he was King Alfonso's confidential agent in this country and in support of his statement displayed his collection of "credentials." He further explained that he expected a visit from Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, but did not have the necessary funds to entertain him. Mr. Stokes advanced him \$500 and one of the indictments has to do with this transaction. From this conversation Roussetol succeeded in having Mr. Stokes introduce him to the Morgan firm.

Another indictment charges Roussetol with forging a government license permitting him to visit all warships, and still another alleges the theft of official note paper of the Treasury department.

Appeal Case of Alleged Birth Control Propagandist

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—An appeal to the supreme court was today granted by Justice Brandeis in the case of Margaret H. Sanger, convicted in New York of violating a state law by conducting a birth control propaganda. She was sentenced to serve 30 days in the workhouse. No date for hearing arguments in the case has been fixed.

Yankees Practice Throwing Hand Grenades From Abandoned Trenches



HAND GRENADE PRACTICE. ©COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION, SUPPLIED BY U.S. ARMY.

This remarkable photo shows the explosion of a hand grenade thrown by one of the "Sammys" in training at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington. The grenades are thrown in abandoned trenches to make certain of no hidden enemy.

BRITON ADVANCES PLAN FOR LEAGUE OF ALL NATIONS

Lord Robert Cecil Declares Allies Form Suitable Nucleus; Looks for Disarmament as Final Result.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 16.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, who announced in the House of Commons recently that he himself had prepared a plan for a league of nations, discussed the whole problem today.

While declining to give a detailed outline of his plan, which, with others now is engaging the consideration of the British government, he indicated a number of conclusions to which his study of the problem had led him.

"The first and most important matter to be insured, by any adequate league of nations," said Lord Robert, "is that no nation shall go to war until the matter in dispute has been submitted to international consideration. If at first the league of nations gets no further than this it will be worth while and a beginning would be made from which wider developments are possible in due course."

May Restrict Memberships.

A second point he emphasized was that, while for an ideal league it would be necessary to have all nations of the world as members, "it may be found necessary to begin with a more restricted membership."

In reply to a question, he declared that even the members of the present entente group, with a few additions, would form an adequate nucleus, although he hoped for a much wider membership. He declared Great Britain could be counted upon as a firm supporter of any adequate scheme for a league of nations, and the wider the scope, the better it would please him.

Economic Weapon Useful.

Lord Robert declared himself convinced the economic weapon would prove a most useful arm for the enforcement of the league's decrees. Asked regarding disarmament, he said that disarmament is difficult to bring about at present, but he was certain it would follow as a natural sequence the successful formation of a league of nations.

"One thing that greatly promises success for the league of nations idea," said Lord Robert, "is that the world for the first time in history is prepared to give it favorable consideration. Until the outbreak of this war, public opinion, internationally speaking, was never favorable. That now has been changed and there will be a vehement desire on all sides at the close of this war to consider seriously every proposal that promises to prevent any such struggle occurring again."

More Tuscania Dead Are Reported to War Department

Washington, Feb. 16.—Eighty-two names of known dead among the American soldiers who were on board the torpedoed liner Tuscania were received by cable tonight at the War department. The names of 10 unreported dead:

CORPORAL CLEA BARGER-STOCK, Marienville, Pa.
PRIVATE RUSSELL F. BENNETT, Plainfield, Wis.
PRIVATE FRANKLIN A. CHURCH, Providence, R. I.
PRIVATE WILLIAM A. DINTER, Cuero, Tex.
PRIVATE ROY W. MAY, Lindale, Tex.
PRIVATE HENRY OXFORD, Turnersville, Tex.
PRIVATE OTTO RAY, Coleman, Tex.
PRIVATE JAMES F. SPARKMAN, Frisco, Tex.
PRIVATE BELL M. WILLIAMS, Glenwood, Ark.
PRIVATE JAMES C. WOOD, Yantis, Tex.

CHICAGO PASTOR IS DENOUNCED BY IOWA TEACHERS

County Superintendent Declares School Teachers Are Loyal; Scores Address Praising Kaiser.

(By Associated Press.)

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 16.—The Rev. Dr. John A. Driver, pastor of the People's church of Chicago, who created an uproar at the convention of the Linn County Teachers' institute yesterday by an address relating the virtues of the kaiser and the German people, was roundly denounced at a patriotic mass meeting of 800 teachers here today.

Led by Miss Lule B. Secrist, county superintendent of schools, several teachers spoke on the loyalty of the teachers of this country and scored Dr. Driver for his admiration of the kaiser.

Other speakers were equally severe on Dr. Driver.

A Red Cross movement which was not listed on the program was launched and the sale of thrift stamps and the latest government financial plan were endorsed.

Germans Hard Pressed To Muster U-Boat Crews

Geneva, Feb. 16.—A Swiss engineer employed for the last ten months at the electrical works at Kiel and who has recently returned, informs the Associated Press that the Germans are making every effort to conceal their submarine losses, especially from the navy, because of increased difficulty in mustering crews. He estimates the Germans lost 30 per cent of their submarines during the time that he was at Kiel. "I saw a score of submarines lined up in the canal undergoing repairs," he said. "They had been hit by depth bombs, which the Germans seem to fear greatly."

Baker Admits Overcrowding At Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Investigation by the inspector general of complaints regarding conditions at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Secretary Baker announced today, showed that overcrowding, with attendant evils, occurred between December 1 and January 15 as a result of the notice that voluntary enlistment of men of draft age would end December 15, but that extra accommodations were obtained and there was no evidence of lack of sufficient care for the sick.

Boy Scouts Charge Funds Were Misused

New York, Feb. 16.—An affidavit filed today in the supreme court by James E. West, managing officer of the Boy Scouts of America, charged the misapplication of \$30,000 by L. W. Amerman, head of the United States Boy Scouts, and certain of his associates. The money, it is alleged, was received in response to a so-called "million-dollar letter," sent out last year and the entire amount, according to the affidavit, was divided among Arthur Camp, John D. Gluck and Forsythe and Fiske, solicitors, and Amerman and his assistants. The organization, it is alleged, received none of the money.

Late Topics at Auto Club

To help relieve railroad congestion cities in Connecticut are establishing a return loads telephone number in their directories. When a motor truck driver in from a city outside the driver calls up the return loads number and asks if there are any goods to be hauled back to his city. In this way the maintenance cost of truck haulage is greatly decreased, as the truck is full going and coming.

The "Capitol Highway" is the name of a new road to be marked into Omaha. This latest traffic artery will run from Albion through Humphrey to Clarkston, south to Shuylper, crossing the Platte and running south to Lincoln. A branch will be marked into Omaha.

All sorts of punishments have been suggested to heap on Kaiser Bill when our Sammys land on him, but what's the matter with bringing Bill back to Omaha and making him count every hole in our city pavements?

The death of Mr. Sargent, the shoe dealer, at the railroad crossing in Council Bluffs, suggests that Council Bluffs demand a gong there. This is one of the most dangerous crossings in the Bluffs, and every automobile traveling between the two cities must cross it. The traffic over the crossing demands a proper safety first appliance.

Parking space in some of the eastern cities is so limited that outside parking yards have been established. The Auto club is collecting facts concerning this new wrinkle. Outside parking yards would relieve Omaha streets to a great extent.

The club is receiving inquiries about touring this summer. Looks like there is going to be a heavy tourist season.

Toledo in Darkness; Flood Overwhelms Power Plant

Toledo, O., Feb. 16.—The Maumee river flood this afternoon bested the workers, who were building a protecting wall around the main power station of the Toledo Railway & Light company. The engines supplying 85 per cent of the electric current in the city were shut down at 2 o'clock. All car service was suspended. Hundreds of factories, including an automobile plant, employing 15,000 men, shut down for lack of power. Most of the city streets will be in darkness tonight.

Move to Prohibit Liquor Near Camps Would Make Texas Dry

Austin, Tex., Feb. 16.—Measures to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor within 10 miles of any army camp in Texas, and making violation of such measures a felony, will be submitted to a special session of the Texas legislature, called to convene Tuesday, February 26, by Governor W. P. Hobby, in a proclamation tonight. The governor's recommendations, if passed by the legislature, practically would make Texas a "dry" state.

Hays to Deliberate on G. O. P. Appointments

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—Chairman Will H. Hays of the republican national committee stated today that he probably would not appoint the new national executive or advisory committees within the next 30 days. Mr. Hays says that he proposes to proceed very carefully in his selection of these committees.

BOLO APPEALS CASE IN FINAL STAB FOR LIFE

Goes to Court of Cassation in Effort to Rescind Verdict of Death for Treason.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Feb. 16.—Bolo Pasha, who yesterday was convicted by a court martial of treason and sentenced to death, today appealed from the verdict to the court of cassation.

Bolo was dressed in prison garb and taken to the death cell on his return to Sante prison. He passed a restless night, but apparently was hopeful that the decision may be reversed on appeal. He said to the guards: "I am perfectly tranquil. I have a thousands grounds for appeal."

One of these is supposed to be the allegation that a witness for the prosecution was seen during a recess in the trial in conversation with the president of the court martial and the government counsel.

Bolo's first inquiry this morning was whether his neighbors in prison had been informed of the verdict. He was told that Joseph Caillaux, former premier, was astonished at his conviction. There were many callers at the prison this morning, but none was admitted as Bolo was subjected to strict prison regulations and was constantly under the eyes of the death watch. He was handcuffed when taken out for exercise and when brought into court.

Deputy Emile Constant today announced that he would interpellate the government on what he termed the irregularities and delays in the official investigation of the Bolo Pasha affair.

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