

JOLLY OXFORD STUDENT WAS SPY OF THE KAISER

Well-Educated Young Man, Popular With All Who Knew Him, and Apparently Very Studious, Turns Out to be Head of German Secret Service in Britain

London, Nov. 2.—A good many wild stories have been published since the beginning of the war with regard to the marvels of the German spy system in this country, but most people are content to believe the official assurance that, despite the lavish expenditure of many and the employment of thousands of spies during the last six years, the German Government never obtained any information of the least importance.

A well-authenticated story is published to-day which, besides being new, throws an interesting light on one side of German spy methods, which was not dealt with in the official exposure of the system.

The story runs as follows:

Story of a Student.

"Heinrich von F.—, having graduated with distinction in law and philosophy at Heidelberg, wished to see something of British university life and methods of instruction in the various branches of polite learning. He also desired to proceed, as an unattached student, to the degree of B. Litt., at Oxford University.

"In May, 1911, Herr von F.— left Berlin with the highest recommendations from an eminent Lutheran divine to a well-known and universally respected Privy Councillor in this country. And this is how we met," says a writer in one of the morning papers.

Popular Everywhere.

"I liked Heinrich from the first. He had perfect manners, a pleasing voice, winning smile, laughing light blue eyes. He was tall and well built. He was not boisterous and never bored you with long narratives. "There was no swagger or bluster about him in short, he was a jolly companion for most any occasion. When not at Oxford he put in a long day's work at the British Museum or at one of our art galleries. At a certain club where he dined with men in town he was voted extremely good company."

"When he kept term at Oxford I occasionally spent a week end at his well furnished rooms, where he entertained other scholars with a disinterestedness which captured their hearts and mine.

"He played bridge and was fond of dancing, hunting and golf. In general company he avoided political discussion, but when alone with me would sometimes say: 'I often wish that some one would bring our countries closer together. Why shouldn't we be friends? The world is surely big enough for both of us.'

"Heinrich always declared that Germany would make great sacrifices to secure an alliance with Britain. She longed for something stronger than an entente. It must be an alliance.

An Idol Shattered.

"Now during three years of friendship he never once gave me the slightest grounds for suspicion. Then came the dark rumblings of July and he left suddenly on the 25th of that month for his holidays. A short note to me explained nothing. He had been hurriedly called home and hoped to be back in the early autumn. I found later at his lodgings that he had taken away everything but books, pictures, and all his knick-knacks.

"A few days ago an inspector from Scotland Yard called to ask if I could identify some handwriting. I said: 'Why do you inquire?'

"'Because we are informed you were acquainted with Herr von F.—, and have been in his company,' said the inspector knowingly.

"'Of course I know him quite well. What is the matter?' I blurted out rather impatiently.

"'Come and see,' replied the inspector, and within half an hour I was at the grey stone castle overlooking the river at Westminster bridge.

Another idol shattered. Heinrich was the chief of a section of the German secret service agents in Britain."

DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE WAR

And so the Crews of the Algerine and Leipzig Hobbled Like Real Friends

(Victoria Correspondence of Canadian Courier.)

JUST before the outbreak of hostilities one of the sloops of war, the Algerine, was in Magdalene Bay, off the coast of Mexico, a distance of 17 miles more or less from Victoria; and anchored near her, was the Leipzig, a German cruiser, known now all over the coast here, chiefly for her ability in eluding pursuit. It was a very warm evening; the officers of the Leipzig were entertaining the officers of the Algerine at dinner. If a thunderstorm had not come up suddenly that dinner might have had a very different and very dramatic ending.

As it was the Leipzig's wireless was put out of commission by the electric storm, and nobody suspected that a message was being flashed across the ocean vainly seeking the deaf and dumb wires of the German cruiser. The Algerine carries no wireless, the morning dawned bright and clear, the British sloop of war weighed anchor, and, cheered by their German friends, in true sailor fashion, set sail for sea.

Little did the men on either ship realise that at the moment they were shouting their "good-byes" and "auf weidershens," the mobs in Berlin were attacking the British embassy, and the ships of King George had cleared for action and were sweeping all German boats from the North Sea.

There was no great hurry about repairing the Leipzig's wireless, and by some lucky chance, instead of hugging the coast, the Algerine put out for sea, travelling at her usual rate of seven or eight miles an hour.

Two days later, she met a vessel sailing south and learned the news of the war. Two days later also the Leipzig's wireless was in order and the crew and the officers learned of the outbreak of war between England and Germany.

Then, indeed she gave chase to her one time friend, and searched in every bay and cove along the coast for the little sloop of war. She never found her, or has not up to date. Our own cruiser the Rainbow, in charge of gallant Captain Hose had set out to escort the Algerine and her sister ship, the Shearwater, back to Esquimaut Harbor.

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HERMES MEN KEPT COOL

No Confusion Whatever When the Ship Was Torpedoed by the German Submarine

London, Nov. 1.—Dr. Moffat, surgeon of the British cruiser Hermes, which was sunk by a German submarine yesterday, speaking to-day at a recruiting meeting on the marine parade ground at Dover, gave a brief story concerning the sinking of his vessel.

"We were all sitting at breakfast," said Dr. Moffat, "and the first intimation we received that anything was wrong was when the plates on the table flew about the wardroom and our breakfast fell into our laps.

"There was no panic. Every man flew to his station in good order. I went to the sick bay and saw to the removal of invalids and then went on deck and reported that all the sick men had been put into boats."

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SOLDIER BURIED DEEP UNDER DEAD

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This soldier said he remembered the start of a fierce fight in the trenches. Then his mind became a blank for many hours. When he recovered his senses it was morning and he had an awful feeling of suffocation. When he tried to move he realized that he was in a trench, buried beneath a pile of German and British dead.

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