

INTENDED TO JOIN CANADIANS AS SPY

But the German's Conscience
Caused Him To Confess
At Windsor.

COMPACT WITH CONSULS

Officials in States Had Urged
Him To Serve His
Country.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
WINDSOR, Dec. 20.—Confessing that he had intended to enlist in the Third Canadian Contingent, and to act as a spy for the German army, Anto Gaus, 25 years old, surrendered himself to the immigration officers here today, and now is held awaiting disposition by military authorities.

Gaus tells a dramatically interesting story. He said he arrived in the United States four years ago, from Berlin, Germany, near which city his father conducts a large merchandise establishment.

As a young man he left Germany, he said, to escape conscription in the army. He resided near Chicago until recently, when urged by letters from his father and from others, he decided to join, if possible, the Canadian troops.

Offer From Father.
The letters from his father, which he freely showed, promised him \$10,000, if he succeeded in enlisting with Canadian forces and carrying out instructions. Gaus was to glean all possible information in regard to war methods, plans and then, when opportunity came, to cross to the German lines and give his information. Other letters verified the written statements of Gaus' father. Some were written by prominent Germans in the United States, urging him to become a spy, and for the good of the country.

Last week Gaus tried to cross the river at Sarnia, but was rejected. He then came to Detroit, but says the idea of becoming a spy worked on his conscience, and he decided to go to Windsor and make a clean breast of the whole affair.

German Consuls Involved.
Gaus, in his statement, involves certainly United States German consuls, with whom, he says, he had entered into a compact to carry out specific instructions. Included in his possessions were a number of German postcards, showing the shooting of British spies and defeat of the French, and early scenes of the war. If he stayed in the United States, he said, he feared that he would be reviled and taunted as a coward by his countrymen, for not responding to the appeal to do as he was urged, and he thought the best thing he could do was to go to Windsor and confess. He is finely educated, speaks seven languages and was neatly dressed.

HANDICAPPED DYSPEPTIC.
[Terre Haute Express.]
Dr. Curran says will find your dyspepsia greatly alleviated. Mr. Peck, by cheerful and agreeable conversation at your meals.
Mr. Peck: That's got advice, too, but my income will not permit me to eat away from home.

JEFF SAYS: "ALL BUGS ARE NOT IN THE BUG HOUSE" - BY "BUD" FISHER



GERMAN SAILORS "BABY-KILLERS"

Churchill Says Stigma Will
Follow Them For All
Time.

[Canadian Press.]
LONDON, Dec. 20.—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in a letter to the mayor of Scarborough, in which he expressed the sympathy of himself and of the navy at the losses sustained there through the German bombardment of Scarborough and the destruction of the town, said: "We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come. But, viewed in the larger aspect, the incident is one of the most instructive and encouraging that have happened in the war. Nothing proves more plainly the effectiveness of the British naval pressure than the frenzy of hatred aroused against us in the breasts of the enemy."

Reason Is Clouded.
"This hatred has already passed the frontiers of reason. It clouds their vision, it darkens their councils and it convulses their movements. We see a nation of military calculators throwing calculation to the winds; of strategists who have lost their sense of proportion, of schemers who have ceased to balance loss and gain."

"Practically the whole of the fast cruiser force of the German navy, including some great ships that are vital to their fleet and utterly irreplaceable, have been risked for the passing pleasure of the moment."

GUELPH'S DISTINCTION.
[Guelph Mercury.]
Well, there's always a good showing of fur coats and chin whiskers at the winter fair.

Polish Legion Formed to Aid the Russian Army

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Dec. 20, via Petrograd and London, 5:45 p.m.—By authority of Grand Duke Nicholas a Polish Legion has been formed. The Russian army contains many Polish volunteers, but the legion will be the first Polish contingent flying a distinctive flag, to be completed. The legion will be ready to go to the front in six weeks.

Hate Is Measure of Fear.
"To this act of military and political folly they were impelled by violence of feelings which could find no other vent. This is very satisfactory and should confirm us in our course. Their hate is a measure of their fear. Its senseless expression is proof of their impotence and the seal of their dishonor."

"Whatever feats of arms the German navy may hereafter perform the stigma of baby killers of Scarborough will brand its officers and men while sailors sail the seas."

NEW MOON GOOD AUGURY FOR EGYPT

Princes, Governors and Officials of
Province Received by Sultan.

CAIRO, Dec. 20.—The era of New Egypt was ushered in today with brilliant ceremony, during which ministers, officials and notables of the country and the entire population of the capital paid their homage to the new ruler, Sultan Hussein Kemal, who received six thousand persons, besides delivering addresses to many deputations.

Princes, governors, notables and officials of practically the whole country arrived yesterday, and in the evening the city, lavishly decked with flags, was partially illuminated. It was regarded by the people as a happy augury that against the deep red of the sunset glow, a new crescent moon with a bright star near it gleamed with silvery radiance in the heavens.

RUSSIANS DECLARE WARSAW IS SAFE

Germans Cannot Capture the
City Because of Heavy
Reinforcements.

GOOD POSITIONS HELD
Czar's Troops Occupy Strong
Points and Can Withstand
the Enemy.

[Canadian Press.]
PETROGRAD, Dec. 20 (Via London, 4:20 p.m.)—A general statement to the Russian general staff, who recently returned to Petrograd from the front, reviewed the present military situation today in an optimistic manner.

"We are now at the close of the first period of the war," he said. "It has ended, to be sure, with the battle raged to the eastward, but without marked advantage for the Germans."

"The German offensive was begun with the centre extending from Posen to Kalisz. The armies of Gen. Mackensen and General Francos advanced to the Bzura River, occupying positions almost a straight line from Plock, through Domitz and Lodz, to Piotrkow, where they fortified themselves. The northern division, which proceeded to Ciechanow and Makow, was forced back to the frontier. The Austro-German troops from Ciechanow, toward Olsztyn, Elblag and Nowo Radom, while further to the south the Austrians proceeded to the river Duna, aiming to free Gdansk."

"To the southwest of Przemyel an Austro-Hungarian army attempted to cross the Carpathians, striving to relieve Przemyel and free Galicia. The Austro-German troops, however, were repulsed in the order above mentioned."

"The strategic position of the railroad lines and the fact that the Germans to manoeuvre their forces north and south, and east and west and vice-versa. The total number of Austro-German troops opposing Russia is estimated at more than forty army corps (about 1,600,000 men)."

"The present aim of the enemy evidently is to take the Lithuanian fortress of Kovno, Dvinsk and Grodno and occupy western Poland as far as Warsaw, while the Austrians are attempting to free Galicia, push northward to Radom and occupy southern Poland. If the enemy were successful in thus freeing its own territory and fortifying its flanks, the lines mentioned above would be made to go further. The enemy would content himself with remaining on the defensive along this front, so that thirty army corps might be transferred to the western theatre of war."

Russian Positions Improved.
"The aspirations of the enemy are realized, because the Russians are being reinforced continuously and are now occupying positions which may be defended much more effectively than their previous ones."

"The Sochaczew country, which is low and marshy, offers the most excellent facilities for defence. The rainy weather also favours the Russians in their trench-digging, while at the same time it ruins the roads used by the German forces of invasion."

"During the temporary lull in this region, the next large battle is expected around Orszow and Przemyel, with the probability also of German demonstrations in force around Miawa, Sulaski and Wirballen."

Caucasian Situation Unchanged.
"The situation on the Caucasian front has not changed materially. The Russians are remaining on the defensive on account of the rigorous winter weather. The Turks, with greatly increased forces, are attempting an invasion along a route which leads from Urmiah, in north-western Persia, to the shore of the Caspian Sea at Baku, thence to Elizabetopol and on to Tiflis. Their efforts in this direction thus far have been unsuccessful."

"Between Kars and Erzerum, where hostilities were begun, operations are at a standstill. The previous intention of the Turks to make a descent on the Crimea and elsewhere along the Black Sea, have been either abandoned or delayed."

"Meanwhile, Russia is preparing a coast defence. The Turkish fleet after its reappearance at Batum, again has disappeared."

"I regard the net results of this first period of the war as a source of general satisfaction."

GERMAN COMPANIES.
ARE ANNIHILATED.
PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—The follow-

ENEMY EVACUATES TOWN OF DIXMUDE

British Warships Play Havoc
With the Enemy's
Lines.

Fighting Rages Between
Dixmude and
Roulers.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—2:45 a.m.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam, says: "The Germans have evacuated Dixmude but the report that the Allies have taken Middelkerke is untrue."

SHELLED BY WARSHIPS.
DOVER, via London, Dec. 20.—Between Newport and Middelkerke, the German positions were heavily shelled by the British warships between Friday midnight and seven o'clock Saturday morning. It is said that the Germans replied at one point with 12-inch naval guns.

During the earlier stage of the action the German fire was heavy, but apparently the guns were destroyed or withdrawn, as the reply early in the morning was very slack.

FLEET PLAYS HAVOC.
AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 20.—The Dutch, Netherlands, correspondent of the Telegram sends the following: "A dispatch says that violent fighting continues on the coast. The British fleet's guns are playing havoc in the morning was very slack."

WHITBY, Dec. 20.—Wm. Sikes, a half-breed Indian in jail here nominally on a charge of vagrancy but really on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of William Stone, the G.T.R. operator, was arrested on a farm at Wicklow, twenty miles north-east of Coburn.

His arrest was due to a statement by a farmer at Greenwood, that Sikes, who had been working for him, answered the description of the man whose actions at Haydeshire had aroused suspicion, and who had left for Toronto on the day before the murder. Sikes, in a statement to Detective Greer, said that he had bought a ticket for Whitby from Toronto on the day of the murder, had alighted at Pickering and walked on to Whitby, but had not been near Whitby Junction, where the murder was committed.

After spending a couple of hours in the town he had walked on to Coburn, sold his suitcase and going north had obtained employment on the farm where he was arrested.

The inquest was adjourned until January 5.

MONTEVIDEO RECEPTION TO ADMIRAL STURDEE

British and French of Uruguay Celebrate His Success.

[Canadian Press.]
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 20.—The British cruiser Invincible, which took part in the naval engagement off the Falkland Islands on Dec. 8, in which four German cruisers were sunk, arrived today in the roadstead off this port. Sir Frederick Sturdee, the British admiral who commanded the squadron, is aboard the Invincible.

The English colony gave a brilliant reception in honor of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, in which the members of the French colony participated. Later the British commander returned aboard his flagship, which made preparations to proceed.

REpentance DAY

German Catholics in Army to Observe
January 10.

[Canadian Press.]
Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 21.—9:40 a.m.—The newspaper Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant learns from Cologne that the archbishops and bishops of Germany have ordered that January 10 be kept as a general repentance day by the Catholics in the army. The priests in the field are charged to encourage the soldiers to participate as much as possible.

ESCAPE ASSASSINATION BY NARROW MARGIN

THE HAGUE (via London), Dec. 20.—Noel Buxton, member of the British Parliament for North Norfolk and chairman of the Balkan Committee, and Charles Dixon, who recently were shot by a Turk at Bucharest, returned to Saloniki today from Nish, according to a dispatch received here today.

At the time they were shot the Buxtons were proceeding in an automobile with a son of M. Gueschoff, former Premier of Bulgaria, to attend the funeral of the King of Roumania.

Boer Courtmartial Causes Execution of Boer Rebel

LONDON, Dec. 20.—4:01 p.m.—A Reuter dispatch from Pretoria tells of the first military execution of a rebel leader involved in the uprisings in British South Africa which followed the outbreak of the European war.

Captain Fourie was shot after being convicted of treason. His brother, Lieut. Fourie, also was condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted to imprisonment for five years on account of the captain's admission that he had induced his brother to join in the rebellion.

Both men had been officers of the South African defence force and, being Boers, were tried by a courtmartial composed of Boers. The captain met death with fortitude.

COMPLAINTS ARE JUST

So Says Times, Speaking of American-
British Difficulties.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 21.—The Times, in an editorial this morning, discusses the difficulties between Great Britain and the United States arising out of necessary examinations of American vessels for contraband. It admits that there is some ground for the complaints by the American press of needless delays in announcing the fate of cargoes of seized vessels, and urges the Government to endeavor to expedite the business by some departure from the normal cautious and secret routine of diplomacy and departmental intercourse.

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