

## DR. ARNOLD KRUMM HELLER GERMAN AGENT IN MEXICO

Dr. Arnold Krumm Heller, German-American-Chilian subject and citizen—for in the last four years he has claimed to be of all four countries—probably has been the most active agent between the German government and Venustiano Carranza in plotting against the United States of all the German spies in the service. He has had some narrow escapes, too, having been captured by the British from a vessel at sea, taken to London and held as a spy, but finally released upon proving by his papers that he was a Mexican citizen in the diplomatic service of the Carranza government, despite his German name.

Dr. Krumm Heller finally reached Germany last September "on a confidential mission from Carranza," as he said himself, and is reported now to be again in Mexico, having returned with the Mexican Minister, Señor Zubaran, when Carranza recalled all the Mexican diplomats from Germany lately and appointed others in their place.

The first time Dr. Krumm Heller came prominently into public notice here was when he arrived in New York from Mexico in August, 1915. He had a sad tale to tell then about his incarceration in a filthy Mexican jail by Victoriano Huerta. He said that Huerta had arrested him merely because he had been the attending physician of Francisco L. Madero at the time of Madero's assassination. When Dr. Krumm Heller talked about that to a Herald reporter he said:

"Fortunately I am a German and was finally able to get free."

An American for convenience

The next time that Dr. Krumm Heller appeared in public notice was in a despatch to the Herald from Vera Cruz dated September 19, 1915. In that despatch it was stated that "Dr. Krumm Heller, a German-American of the most virulent type, has been lecturing in Mexico City and anti-American feeling. In a lecture which he delivered in Vera Cruz under the auspices of the Mexican I. W. W. he declared:—

"I am a Mexican at heart and an American for convenience."

In Mexico City, Dr. Krumm Heller at that time was lodged in the apartments in one of the principal hotels at the expense of the Carranza government. The government theatre was put at his disposal by the government, and General Pablo Gonzalez, who at that time was in command of the Carranza forces in the federal district, attended the lectures with his entire staff and paid every courtesy and attention to Dr. Heller.

Early in the year 1916 the doctor started for Berlin from Mexico City on a mission from Carranza to the German government. The vessel he was on was held up at sea by a British cruiser and Dr. Krumm Heller and one other passenger was taken off. They were taken to London and arrested. Dr. Heller protested that he was in the diplomatic service of Mexico, was a Mexican citizen, with a Mexican passport which he showed, when the Mexican envoy passed through Washington.

The British authorities examined Dr. Heller's effects thoroughly, subjected him to acid baths to see whether they could discover anything written on his body, and finally let him go but retained all his papers for further examination, telling him that they would send them back to the Mexican government eventually.

He Was a Spaniard, Too

The Mexico-American-German diplomatist was put on the St. Paul, which steamed from Liverpool for New York on June 19, 1916. On the steamship Dr. Heller became acquainted with passengers, among them some Spaniards. He told the Spaniards that he was a Spaniard, too, but had been arrested at sea while on a special mission from Venustiano Carranza to the German government. To others he said he was a citizen of Chile.

As the vessel neared New York he became very nervous and said he was afraid he would be arrested upon landing. He also said that he intended to institute an action for \$5,000,000 against the British government for false arrest and detention. He was not arrested, however, and hurried back to Mexico where he remained for several weeks.

The next time his name appeared in the newspapers was in a despatch from Berlin, dated September 11, 1916, which said:—

"Colonel Krumm Heller has arrived in Berlin on his way to Germany from Mexico, according to the Tachblatt. He is described as a Mexican diplomatist and was interned by the British on account of his German name, notwithstanding official Mexican papers and

an American passport signed by Secretary Lansing."

Another despatch from Berlin two days later stated that Colonel Heller had arrived in Berlin, and to reach there had been compelled to cross the Atlantic Ocean three times, according to the Overseas News Agency.

According to information received by the Herald yesterday Dr. or Colonel Krumm Heller is in Mexico again, having, it is said, been recalled by Carranza from Germany.

Y. W. P. A.

Though the meeting of the Y. W. P. A. held last evening was small, as usual the enthusiasm of the members was great, and the members were rewarded for their wet walk to the Loyal Order of Moose rooms by the interest-

ing reports heard of the many activities of the society and the sums of money they were enabled to vote towards patriotic objects. Miss Grimmer presided. Miss Church read some particularly interesting minutes of the last meeting and Miss Climo reported \$239.47 on hand. A report was given from Miss Murdoch and Miss Knight of a family needing assistance whose wants had been supplied and the case put in the hands of another society.

A letter was read from Mrs. James P. Robertson thanking the Y. W. P. A. for \$25 voted to Miss Allison Jones and congratulating the association on the work accomplished by them. A letter was also received from the European War Veterans' Association acknowledging the sum of \$5 received for the sports held by the E. W. V. A. and thanking the association for the interest taken in them.

Miss Fairweather, as convener of the committee appointed to arrange for the Kilties entertainment held under the auspices of the Y. W. P. A., reported that \$22 had been realized by the sale of candy that evening and that a later report of the returns would be made.

It was suggested that socks be donated to the Field Ambulance and that

### "A BARE-FOOTED EUROPE."

Rome, Feb. 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—"A bare-footed Europe is not improbable in this war continues," said John F. Stucke, vice-president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy and general manager of an American shoe machinery company, in an interview concerning supply and business conditions met by Americans abroad.

"At the present time a pair of heavy mountain shoes lasts a soldier but six weeks," he said. "These shoes

have their heels and soles studded with nails at that. The shoes are largely made in Italy but with American machinery and American leather, and the quality of the materials is the best we can furnish, but that quality is of course inferior to that sold before the war. When manufactured by the hundred thousand, these shoes cost the government about four dollars each. But the supply is always behind the demand, since materials arrive very slowly from America. On one ship, the Palermo which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean, off the coast of Spain, in early December, the material for nearly half a million pairs of shoes was lost.

"The retail store trade in Italy is now obliged to pay nearly seven dollars wholesale for shoes that before the war cost three and a half, and it is probable that American shoes will be selling in Italy soon for ten and twelve dollars the pair. The American shoe, because of their shape and fit, have long been the chief product on the market here, and particularly since the war, as the hand-made shoes cannot be made quickly enough."

### DOMINION CANNERS' STATEMENT

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Montreal, Mar. 8.—Outside of the Dominion Canners' statement, there was no news to affect the market. This statement shows a wonderful

reversal to the one published for 1915. At the meeting a dividend was declared on the preferred stock. Although trading was quiet the market was firm, and the recent advance was well held. The showing that our industrial companies are making as their statements come out cannot help but give confidence to the investors in our securities. The conservative managers in which profits are being handled speaks well for the future, which the stock market generally, in time, discounts. Our securities are not high and most of the companies are booked up to capacity for months to come, and with the future outlook, we do not see how they can go much lower.

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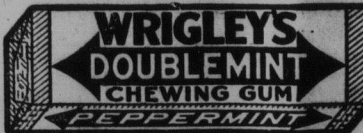
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