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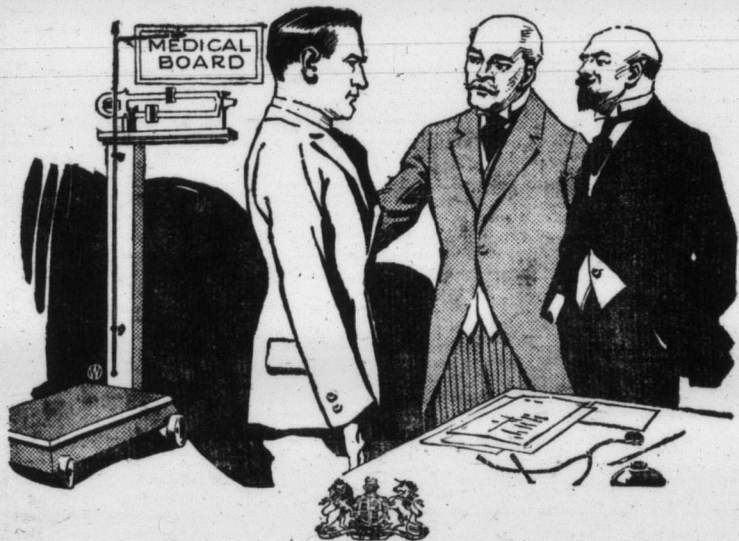
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Letter From Willie Currie.

Shorncliffe, Aug. 30, 1917.
Dear Father,—Just a few lines to-night while I am stopping in on duty. I am still employed in the quarter-master's stores. I was on another medical board last Saturday and I am now in category "2", so there is no chance of me getting to France again for a while.

I had a few days leave from a short time ago, which time I spent with a friend in a town on the coast a few miles east of here, and as luck would have it a German air raid took place. It was on the morning of the 22nd, between 10 and 12 o'clock. It was a beautiful day and I was about to go out for a walk, when the "siren" (the raid alarm) sounded. I did not pay any particular attention to that, because it often happens that the siren is given and there's nothing doing. However, after a few minutes the anti-aircraft guns on both land and sea opened up, and then I walked out on the road and saw a most thrilling sight. There were eleven German aeroplanes and the shells were bursting all around them. After about five minutes one came down in flames—then another. Up to this time they kept their formation without a break but apparently it was getting too hot for them and they started to move more over and across towards the coast. I went into the house and waited, expecting to be blown off the map, because they started dropping bombs as soon as they broke formation and moved over the town. The bombs commenced dropping quite close, and the windows of the house blew in. Two bombs had dropped in a garden across the street—and what a concussion! I thought while in France a high explosive shell was had enough, but this was the limit. Most of the damage done was to a hospital where there were several hundred wounded Canadians. There were several killed. It was a patient in that hospital once myself.
Well, to get back to the raid again—as soon as I could hear no more bombs dropping I went out to take a look at the damage done and to give a hand if necessary. I saw the wounded from the hospital being loaded onto ambulances, and it was a pitiable-looking sight. The poor fellows had been wounded in France, and to be wounded again while patients in the hospital was a nerve-wrecking sight.
I see the Transcript regularly here in the reading room, and I can assure you it is much appreciated. Remember me to all.

Your loving son,
Pte. W. A. CURRIE, 2522 "B" Squadron, Canadian Reserve Cavalry Regiment, Somerset Barracks, Shorncliffe, Kent County, England.

Glencoe Council.

An omission in the minutes of the Glencoe council, Oct. 1:—
It was moved by J. E. Roome and seconded by W. A. Hagerly that the tax rate be struck at 28 mills on the dollar, made up as follows:—County rate, 6 mills; village rate, 5 mills; debt rate, 8 mills; public school rate, 4 mills; high school rate, 25 mills.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. Keith and seconded by Mr. McPherson that the rate be struck at 28 mills. The motion carried.
CHAS. GEORGE, Clerk.

THE CZAR'S INFORMERS.

Tremendous Spy System Existed in Russian Empire.
Thirty-three lists of spies, informers, and agents provocateurs in ex-Emperor Nicholas' pay have been published by the Commission for Securing the New System of Government appointed by the Provisional Government immediately after the revolution. Fifty more lists may be expected. The total number of these secret legions of authority is expected to reach 80,000. Those whose guilt is beyond doubt have been put in jail, but it is not yet settled whether they will be tried and punished or merely kept in jail until all peril of a reactionary counter-revolution has passed.

The commission's reports depict precisely the same system of espionage and State provocation to crime as flourished in Turkey under Abdul Hamid II. The distinction is that Abdul Hamid ran his spy and provocation system directly from the Yildiz Kiosk, whereas Nicholas entrusted his system to the notorious "Okhrana Otdelenie," or security department, which occupied a big building in the Basil Ostroff district.
The first act of the triumphant revolutionaries was to seize the security department's secret papers. Many of these were burned in bonfires outside the building. The more precious documents, especially those relating to the state organization of crime, had been kept in safes, and they escaped destruction. The revolutionaries also seized tens of thousands of secret records in the departments, provincial offices, and from these, backed by confessions of imprisoned spies, are being compiled the lists. The lists will be followed by a five-volume official "History of Espionage Under Nicholas II."

As revealed by these inquiries, autocracy's spies and informers were much less picturesque and romantic than they appear in the typical "Nihilist novel." Most of them belonged to the more intelligent working class or to the minor bourgeoisie. They were paid badly, the average wage for organizing political crime or betraying accomplices being \$20 a month. The spies were usually instructed to become members of secret revolutionary or terrorist organizations, among these being the social democratic party, the social revolutionaries with their "fighting committee," the populist socialists, and the Maximalists. On nearly every newspaper was at least one spy. The spies took part in committee meetings, incited to breach of the political repression laws or to actual crime, and kept the security department well informed.

Every spy had a "klitchka," or nickname, by which he was known to the police. The department's records bristle with such nicknames as "Patty," "Longnose," "Sunday Boy," "Elephant," and "Arsenic." The spy had also two or three fake surnames, and he often changed his town and name when he fell under the revolutionaries' suspicion. Many spies and informers, like the famous Father Gapon, whose treachery on Bloody Sunday, 1905, led to his being hanged by a revolutionist engineer, were at one time genuine revolutionaries, and later became betrayers and informers. Some seem to have served both sides honestly and earned the approval of both, and some do not seem to have known which side they sympathized with. A notable case is "Trukhanov"—real name Nikitin, nickname "Perky"—who aroused the suspicion of his terrorist comrades, was threatened by them with execution and to rehabilitate himself, was obliged to kill the gendarme officer with whom he collaborated. The murder of Grand Duke Sergius in Moscow in February, 1905, was due to the same motive.

The organization of crime with the aim of discrediting non-terrorist political associations and frightening Nicholas into repression, went on on a great scale. For blood money of \$150 a mechanic was hired by the department to fire at General Dlukowski, Governor of Moscow, but he was instructed to be sure to miss. He executed his instructions, but, through carelessness, killed a passerby.
In violation of the Nihilist novel tradition, very few women were employed as spies or informers, but a few noted cases have been exposed. In Moscow three sisters named Pallatin betrayed scores of workmen, after getting confessions from them by means of simulated love.
The commission's lists show that the department was a hard taskmaster. In addition to paying its spies badly, it spied on them. Every security department record contains a note of the spy's history. Some are described as "moderately good," others as "indifferent," others as having "betrayed many revolutionaries," others as "energetic but unreliable," and others as "doubtful, should be watched."

Chinese Mails.
Before 1915 a letter was as safe in the Chinese mails as it was anywhere in the world, and only the older resident who knows China can appreciate what it means to have had nearly seven hundred million pieces of mail mangled by the Chinese post that year against one-sixth that amount eight years before. This year postal employees are stealing letters for the stamps and throwing the contents into the waste-basket. I have heard complaints from a dozen people that the mail service is not only slower than it was in 1915, but is no longer safe.—Maynard Owen Williams in The Christian Herald.

The Scottish Fisheries.
The Scottish Fishery Board reports that there are in the Government service more than 1,000 Scottish steam fishing-vessels, manned by about 10,000 fishermen.

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