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TWO SPIES ARE SENTENCED; FIVE MORE ARE ARRAIGNED

The United States government recently struck hard at German plotters who have been using New York, Hoboken and small New Jersey towns for their operations against the American commerce and against the interests of England and France. Albert O. Sander, and Carl N. Wunnenberg, whose elaborately constructed spy system was shattered by the vigilance of the American and British authorities, were sent to the Atlanta Penitentiary for two years each and a fine of \$2,500 in addition was imposed on each man.

The government then called the cases of five of the nine men indicted for conspiracy to destroy merchant ships leaving American ports by means of fire bombs, and in one hour of testimony staggered the defendants by showing that their smallest acts and most secret plottings had become known.

The most interesting thing which the opening of this trial revealed was that the United States is largely indebted for the success of the case to the work of a New York city policeman. This man is Henry Barth, an acting detective-sergeant attached to the bomb squad and an American citizen of German parentage. Representing himself as the confidential man of Wolf von Isel, he won the confidence of one of the chief conspirators and in two days succeeded in collecting evidence enough to indict nine men and bring their dangerous activities to an end.

The men placed on trial before Judge Van Fleet in the Federal Dis-

Mrs. MacLaren Brown In St. John

Just what the work of the Canadian War Contingent Association is and something of what it involves can be learned from a visitor St. John has at present. This is Mrs. MacLaren Brown who arrived yesterday morning and is a guest at the Royal Hotel, entertained by the Women's Canadian Club. Mrs. MacLaren Brown, who is to speak before the club today, was met at the train by Mrs. Kuhnke, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. John A. McAvity.

An informal reception was held at the Manor House yesterday afternoon to which officers and members of the executive of the club were invited. Mrs. H. A. Powell presided and introduced Mrs. MacLaren Brown who spoke a few words telling the need for comforts, how to send them and the necessity for self-sacrificing effort on the part of all. She said she had been rather shocked to find that in Canada we did not realize the magnificent unity of all in England for one object—the winning of the war. Another point she wanted to emphasize was that it was the responsible worker who did the most good and the third thing was that Canada had only so far sent 38 per cent of all the comforts needed by the men.

Today in her address Mrs. MacLaren Brown will go into more details and give any desired information. She is a most interesting speaker and talks plainly and simply telling the very things we need to know. All those interested in soldiers and that should mean every woman, will find much to learn and profit by in this talk.

Mrs. Leonard Tilley was on the reception committee for the tea. The tables decorated with daffodils and the bright open fires gave an air of coziness, supplying the cheer which was lacking out of doors.

Seated at the table with Mrs. Brown were Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. Leonard

tilley of the Women's Canadian Club, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. Stewart Skinner of the Soldiers' Wives' League, Mrs. John A. McAvity, Mrs. Harold Lawrence of the Red Cross Society, Mrs. E. T. Sturges, Daughters of the Empire, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm of the St. Monica's, Mrs. H. A. McKeown of the Soldiers' Comforts Association, Miss Alice Fairweather of the Young Women's Patriotic Association.

Speaking later to The Standard representative, Mrs. MacLaren Brown told of the splendid system with which the work of the C. W. C. A. has been carried out. The Canadian War Contingent Association, Queen Alexandra's Comfort Association and the Red Cross are the only recognized channels for the distribution of comforts, the Red Cross only sending to the men in hospital. Every worker except the professional photographers, are voluntary helpers and from the chairman down there are no salaries. In fact at the Red Cross depot those who wish to assist pay for their places. Many of the helpers give three mornings a week and that means steadily working or as Mrs. Brown expressed it, "stomp, lift, weigh, walk and pack." That is unpacking, weighing, walking over to the cases and repacking.

All a commander or officer in any regiment has to do is requisition supplies and they can be sent to him within twenty-four hours.

Many comforts cannot be sent from Canada as the journey is too long. The affairs of the association are managed by a committee with Sir George Perley as chairman. On the executive are J. G. Colner, C. K. O., secretary, Dr. Parkin, Lord Grey, Lord Beaverbrook, G. MacLaren Brown and others.

Mrs. MacLaren Brown is secretary of the ladies' committee; these two committees carry out all the plans.

ter wrote out the narrative as von Kleist dictated it, said Mr. Barth, and von Kleist signed it page by page. This done, said Mr. Barth, he and Mr. Barntz arrested von Kleist.

The statement of von Kleist, as written out by Mr. Barntz and signed by the defendant, was read in evidence. It is a lengthy document and represents von Kleist as saying that when he first began working with Dr. Scheele the latter showed him a cheque for \$10,000, drawn on a firm of German bankers in the Equitable building, and said there was plenty more where that came from. Von Kleist is also represented as saying that Dr. Scheele told him that all bills would be paid by Captain von Papen, Captain Roy-Ed and Captain Franz von Rinselen.

Bombs to New Orleans

Mr. Osborne asked Mr. Barth whether von Kleist ever told him of a visit made to Dr. Scheele by one O'Leary and one O'Reilly.

"He did," replied the witness. "He told me that these men got bombs and took them to New Orleans to place on vessels steaming from that port."

During all Mr. Barth's testimony the defendant whistled at him in his chair and kept muttering, "Lies, lies, all lies."

Several times he was moved to profanity, but he discreetly kept his voice lowered so that he was heard only by those close to him. Mr. Barth will be on the stand again today when the trial is resumed.

In his opening sentence on Sander and Wunnenberg Judge Van Fleet deplored the fact that the law would not permit him to make the punishment more severe, and recommended that the United States Attorney call the attention of the Department of Justice and of Congress to the necessity of more rigid laws for dealing with plot cases. The Judge then told the defendants that he believed their decisions to plead guilty were prompted by a desire to shield others.

"I have no idea that you men are principals," he said. "Everything seems to indicate that you were mere pawns in the hands of others of greater power."

Asks Full Penalty

John C. Knox, the Assistant United States Attorney, asked that the full penalty be inflicted on the men. He said that their agents who went abroad carried invisible ink in pockets made inside of the tops of their socks and that they had been instructed on arriving in England to find anti-aircraft bases and all points where cables between the United States and Germany first touched British soil.

Charles O. Oberweiser, representing the prisoners, asked for clemency, asserting that the men were inspired in what they did by patriotism. He said that Wunnenberg had been employed on a United States transport for twelve years and only a few weeks ago had tried to enlist in the United States Navy.

Although he criticized leniency of the law, Judge Van Fleet did not impose the maximum sentence of three years on either man. This course he took because they have young wives dependent on them for support. The wives were in court and took the an-

noouncement calmly.—New York Herald.

Hundreds of fire bombs, manufactured for the specific purpose of destroying merchant vessels bound from American ports to England and France, were made on board the steamship Friedrich der Grosse, of the North German Lloyd line, now tied up in Hoboken, according to evidence brought out at the trial of Captain Charles von Kleist and five other Germans in the Federal District Court recently.

Statements made by Von Kleist and two other defendants, Ernst Becker and George Fraedel, both before and after they were arrested, were read to the jury, and although the defendants kept muttering that it was all lies, the statements caused a sensation. According to one attributed to Fraedel, the plotters were so bold that they manufactured the cases for their bombs on the upper deck of the Friedrich der Grosse in plain sight of any one who cared to look at them. They were paid \$5 and \$10 each for a bomb case by Dr. Walter Scheele, chemist, who has fled.

It also developed that it was nothing unusual for the men to carry bags containing as many as twenty of the loaded bombs about the streets, and according to the testimony of Edward J. Senff, an acting detective sergeant, Becker admitted to him that he had once carried a dress suit case full of bombs on a crowded Twenty-third Street boat.

Mr. Senff further testified that Von Kleist, after his arrest, asked him whether he was a German. On Mr. Senff's replying that he was, Von Kleist asked whether he was a detective. Mr. Senff said that he was not, whereupon he testified, Von Kleist gave him two notes, one to Captain Kno Bode and one to Karl Schmidt that Von Kleist was under arrest and urged them to warn Captain Otto Wolpert and Becker to get away. Instead of delivering the notes, Mr. Senff said, he called up Becker by telephone and induced him to come to this city, where he was arrested.

George Vaux Bacon, one of the spies sent abroad by Albert O. Sander and Karl N. Wunnenberg, was sent to the Atlanta Penitentiary for one year and one day and fined \$1 by Judge Van Fleet recently. Bacon, who was arrested in England and sentenced to be hanged, saved his life by offering to return to his country and testify against his one-time associate. As Sander and Wunnenberg pleaded guilty his services were not needed.

Because of his willingness to help the government Bacon received a lighter sentence than the others. He explained to the court that he had originally agreed to go to Germany for the plotters to bring out war films and that when he found out what was really expected of him it was too late for him to turn back. He said, however, that he had never sent any real information and that he had never intended to.

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Hon. J. A. Murray passed through the city last night en route to his home at Sussex.

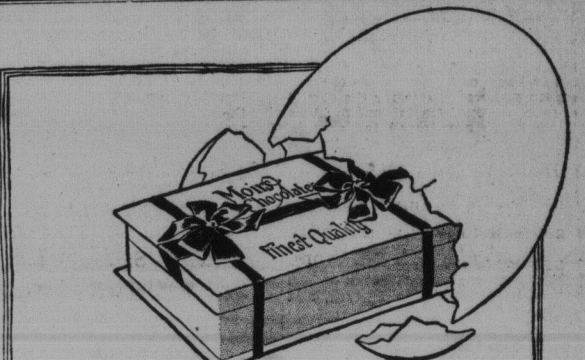
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McELROY—In this city, on the 27th inst., Hugh J. McElroy, leaving one son, one daughter and one sister to mourn.

Funeral from his late residence, 606 Main street, Thursday morning, at 8.30 o'clock to St. Peter's church for High Mass of Requiem. Friends invited to attend.

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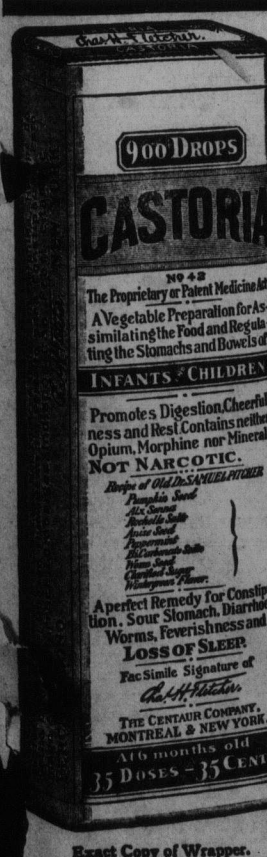
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Mr. Barth told him that he told von Kleist to bring him one of the loaded bombs and that he would then set him an interview with von Isel. The man then showed him an unloaded shell and promised to get a loaded one later.

This unloaded shell was produced by Mr. Barth in court and put in evidence. Mr. Barth said that von Kleist told him that Dr. Scheele had given him two notes for \$17 each, but had refused to pay them. This was the origin of the trouble between the men.

The following day, April 11, Barth said he met von Kleist at the restaurant at noon. Barth had Detective George Barntz of the bomb squad, with him, and introduced Barntz to von Kleist as "Mr. Dean," secretary to von Isel. After the men had had some drinks, Barth said, they hired an automobile and drove to the Shelburne Hotel, at Coney Island. There von Kleist went over his entire story again for the benefit of "Mr. Dean." The lat-

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