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# MANY WOMEN ARE GOVERNMENT SPIES

Obtaining the Smokeless  
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German Women Employed as Barmaids on  
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to be Spies.

It may be remembered that a short time ago some valuable Admiralty plans disappeared from Chatham. Mr. McKenna, the First Lord of the Admiralty, admitted that they had been stolen, but a mystery surrounded their disappearance. It is now suggested that a well-known international woman spy, who is ever ready to sell her services to the highest bidder, be it the Russian, German or French government, was responsible for the disappearance of those plans. It is known that she was in this country for some weeks prior to the incident, and it is supposed that during that time she engineered the plot which resulted in the vanishing of the important papers.

Whatever truth there may be in the story, it is a very feasible one, for it is usually women who prove the most successful spies. "When it comes to trickery and cunning," said a well-known detective to the writer on one occasion, "there is no match for a clever woman." If she is pretty, she is the bargain. I would back her to beat the cleverest men in Scotland Yard nine times out of ten." And judging from the success of women in secret service work it would seem that the detective is in no way exaggerated. It is only a short time ago that a beautiful and dashing—dressed teacher of languages, Fraulein Petersen, about 25 years of age, was arrested at Kiel, in Germany, on suspicion of being a French spy. She was said to have entered into a love affair deliberately with a non-commissioned officer named Dietrich, of the explosive department for the purpose of inducing him to divulge important German naval secrets.

Dietrich, flattered by the attentions of such a beautiful woman, could deny her nothing, and at the time of the arrest was said to have been supplying her with the formula for the manufacture of the German smokeless powder (one of the most effective yet invented) and the situation of the port mines. To disguise her true occupation she posed as a teacher of languages. Suspicion was directed against her on account of the ample funds with which she was always provided, and of her fear of giving the police the least hint of any of her frequent changes of address.

In Russia, where the secret service is raised to the level of a fine art, the woman spy is recognized as an extremely valuable means for obtaining information. Not only about foreign matters, but also concerning the various revolutionary movements going on at home. One of the most notorious of these is Mme. Joutchenka, who has been described as a female Azeff.

## SIBERIA THE END

This person, posing as one of the Terrorists, took part in their enterprises, and discovering all their plans, gave information to the police. For this work she obtained a handsome monthly salary. She later became a notorious trade at the age of 23, and her first big coup was when she betrayed the Responzina plot against the Czar in 1895. Scores of those who were arrested in the revolution in Siberia on the plot being discovered.

She, herself, to disarm suspicion, was sent away also, but was allowed to escape and rejoin the revolutionists in order to obtain more information. One of her victims was a handsome girl named Fraulia Frankum, who was sent to the gallows after an abortive attempt to kill the perfect of Moscow. The architect was wormed herself into the confidence of families, with the result that numbers of persons were banished to Siberia.

Quite recently the French government caused a large number of German women employed on the eastern frontier as barmaids to be expelled from the country. These women had been watched and found to be in the pay of German spies, to whom they gave the information that they acquired from listening to the conversation of drunken soldiers in the taverns.

A more serious affair was that at Rheims. Seven men and three women, alleged to be paid agents of the German War Office, were arrested. The three women were in the habit, it was said, of making the acquaintance of soldiers and wheedling military secrets out of them, which information they passed on to the men. Compromising correspondence was found at their lodgings and seemed to reveal wholesale espionage by the women. As a matter of fact, the arrest of these men and women is said to have disclosed the discovery of a wide-spread organization of German spies throughout the country.

Allowing some discount for the spy mania, which breaks out now and again in the various countries, there is no doubt that the secret service of every country contains many spies who are on the qui vive for military and naval information concerning the other powers and among these spies women are to be found doing much important work.

## PEARY'S TURN TO DELIVER

Why shouldn't Commander Peary submit his records also to the University of Copenhagen? What is fair for Cook is fair for Peary. To the minds of many people who only rightly think the claims of both men should be passed upon by the same body. The University of Copenhagen would doubtless be pleased to see the records of a real discoverer. Peary, of course, has nothing to fear or to lose in so doing, and it might help to put to rest forever a certain class that has already seated too long.

# ARMY OF 4,000,000 IS READY

And Germany's War Strength  
Is Still Growing  
More Than a Million Men Under Arms on  
a Peace Footing—Organizing  
Fleet of Airships.

The military correspondent of the Times, in reviewing the position of the German army, gives some interesting particulars of its development during recent years. Of the imperial budget of \$712,500,000 for the financial year ending March 31, 1910, the sum allotted for army expenditure was \$202,500,000. This does not represent the whole of the charges, which are nearer \$250,000,000.

The peace strength of the German army has risen during the past year to 520,000 men of all ranks and 11,520 horses. The number of reservists called out for training during the year has risen to 456,388, excluding officers, or an increase of more than 10,000 over the figures for 1909. The German plan is to train each soldier twice for fourteen days while in the reserve and once for fourteen days while in the Landwehr.

The number of reservists recalled during the year for training has risen of late at the rate of 30,000 a year and will continue to rise until the plan is in full operation. Thus there are and hereafter will be more than a million men under arms at one or another each year.

The year 1907 is the last for which complete statistics of recruiting have been published. The recruits examined numbered 1,189,846, among whom there were 538,022 of the age of 20 who were conscripted for the first time. Of all 455,933 were incorporated in the active forces, including 21,661 in the active army and 10,374 in the navy.

About one-half of the army recruits were 20 and the remainder 21 or 22. There were only two one-hundredths of 1 per cent. of illiterates. Voluntary engagements numbered 53,900 for the army and 3,839 for the navy.

## THE AIRSHIPS.

"Germany leads the world in aeronautics," says this writer, "and the last year has only confirmed her supremacy in the air. Her aerial fleet consists of twenty-five dirigibles, systems Zeppelin, Parseval and Gross, while there are fifteen other dirigibles in private hands susceptible of being requisitioned."

"The German plan is to act by methods of registration and subsidy; to prepare, as for the navy, the establishments and the means for rapid construction, and to aim in the future at increased speed so as to obtain relative independence of the weather. The successful trial of the Gross III, which was completed on an hour on her trial trip on December 21, is a case in point."

"The Deutsche Luftschiffverleihsanstalt has been formed for the purpose of leasing dirigibles to the army and navy. Without exaggerating achievements German soldiers are inclined to believe that the aerial navy may reach the stage of the naval both for tactical and for strategical exploration, while experiments have been made in dropping explosives from the air."

## MACHINE GUNS.

"The companies of machine guns are increasing, and there will eventually be one company with six guns with each regiment of infantry. The cavalry is now for the greater part armed with the 1898 carbine, modified to take the S bullet and sighted up to 2,200 yards. The distribution of the new automatic pistol, pattern 1908, will be completed this year."

"Mobile field kitchens have given good results and will soon be in general use. Wireless stations are being erected at various places. The latest census of horses shows that Germany possesses 4,345,000 horses of all sorts, including 3,500,000 four-year-olds and upward."

"In many other minor details the progress of the army has been very satisfactory, and the chief defects are, first, the deficit of 340 officers in the army, and secondly the manner in which the Emperor's military cabinet deals with questions of selection and promotion."

"Excluding 4,000,000 untrained or superficially trained Landsturm and Ersatz reserve, there are over 4,000,000 trained soldiers now available for war and there are over 6,000,000 men in the German staff hitherto to rely so much upon quantity as upon quality."

## DOWN IN THE MOUTH.

"When you are down in the mouth, think of Jonah! He came out all right." It makes little difference how you get overboard or what kind of fish swallowed you. It may be lack of initiative, business bashfulness or what counts. It's getting out that really counts. You must not get lost or become an unknown quantity. Get that snap, power and executive capacity such as was supplied to hundreds of others by the Curtis Business University, and you will come out all right.

# WILL REVOLUTIONIZE FRESH FISH TRADE

Syndicate Formed to  
Control Business in  
Nova Scotia

A. N. Whitman, Here on  
Way to Boston, Dis-  
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Means Expansion All  
Along Line—Digby and  
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A. N. Whitman of Canoe, N.S., passed through the city last evening bound for Boston in connection with a scheme by which a large Montreal syndicate is to take over the major portion of the fresh fish trade of Nova Scotia. It is planned to make extensive improvements in the plants to be purchased, with a view to making the Maritime fresh fish supply the supply of the west, and to do so on a heavily paying basis by means of amalgamation, enlargement, and improved methods.

Col. Smart of Montreal, who is noted as having made between half a million and a million on Crown Reserve by buying the stock when it was at five cents per share, is at the head of the scheme.

Mr. Whitman's cold storage plant at Canoe will be taken over by the syndicate, and will play an important part in the business, as it is the only thing of its kind near to the big fishing grounds. Plants at Yarmouth and Lunenburg, as well as elsewhere along the Nova Scotia coast, will be purchased.

The fresh fish interests of the Atlantic Fish Trading Company will be taken over, just as the "cured" and "frozen" business of that concern has been elsewhere apportioned.

P. N. Quinn, a local fish dealer to whom the moves of the new concern were referred last evening, said that he had been invited by Mr. Whitman to take stock in the new concern, but had considered that the scheme ought to be run by the government.

It is thought that the zone of exploration of the dirigibles is already greater than that open to a cavalry division. It has, moreover, been open monthly, and the dirigibles will not await a declaration of war.

In many other directions there has been steady progress in preparing the army for war. The officers at the army school have been increased from 400 to 480. A census of motor cars has shown that there are 41,727 of all sizes available for requisition, and during the manoeuvres of last year great use was made of them and also of motor-cyclists, who will probably be formed into special corps.

## SIXTEEN TO THIRTEEN IN P. E. ISLAND HOUSE

Legislature Opened Today—Marked Ad-  
vance in Agriculture—To Develop  
Immigration.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 15.—Provincial legislature opened this afternoon. The speech from the throne referred to the appointment of an immigrant agent who has been laboring in England for several months, inducing a good class of farm laborers and mechanics to settle here. The experimental farm has been acquired by the provincial government and placed at the disposal of the federal department of agriculture. It will be ready for active operation next spring. The advance in agriculture claims considerable attention in the speech. The value of products has doubled in ten years and now amounts to ten million dollars annually, thus affording inspiration for greater confidence in the future of the province. The report of the education commission will be submitted this session, also bills re the controversial elections act, which will be modeled after the Dominion statute and bills respecting the court of chancery and trustee act. The standing of parties is sixteen to thirteen, the Cardigan seat being vacant owing to the appointment of the Conservative member. Motion to the position of supreme court prothonotary.

## LIQUOR & TOBACCO HABITS.

A. McTAGGART, M.D., C.M.  
75 Yonge St., Toronto, Canada.  
References as to Dr. McTaggart's professional attainments and the results of his treatment, may be obtained by writing to him, or to Sir W. R. Meredith, Chief Justice.  
Hon. Geo. W. Ross, ex-Premier of Ontario.  
Rev. N. Burrows, D.D., ex-Bishop of Toronto.  
Rev. J. A. Pease, ex-Bishop of St. Michael's.  
Right Rev. J. F. Sweeney, Bishop of Toronto.  
Dr. McTaggart's system is a simple, safe, and effective one, and is based on the latest scientific principles, and is a certain cure, and a certain cure, and a certain cure.  
Consultation of correspondence invited.

# SEVERAL CHANGES IN CABINET ANNOUNCED

Winston Churchill, Secretary for  
the Home Department—Bux-  
ton Heads Board of Trade

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The following cabinet appointments were announced to-night: Secretary for the Home Department—Winston Churchill. President of the Board of Trade—Sydney Buxton. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster—J. A. Pease. Postmaster-General—Herbert Louis Samuel. J. A. Pease, who was the chief Liberal Whip, was defeated at the general election, but it is expected that a safe seat will be found for him in Lancashire. Herbert Louis Samuel is under-

# THRILLING RESCUES IN NEW YORK FIRES

Explosion of Whiskey Jug Im-  
perils Many Lives

Firemen and Police Displayed Heroism, But  
Three of Those Rescued Will  
Probably Die.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Seven persons were injured, three of whom probably fatally, in two fires in crowded dwellings here today. Both fires were marked by heroic rescues by police and firemen. Flames from one of the burning buildings, a Jefferson street tenement, threatened Beth-Israel Hospital nearby and a panic among the patients was averted only by the cool-headedness of physicians and attendants. Several persons were burned in the Jefferson street blaze, the spread of which was hastened by the explosion of a five gallon jug of whiskey which a family of tenants had bought for a wedding celebration today. There was a panicky rush for the fire escapes but flames shooting out from the windows cut off escape by these means and firemen had to raise ladders to get down numbers of the imperiled occupants who were unable to escape by the stairways. Groping through smoke filled halls and rushing through blazing rooms, rescuers carried six persons out on ladders. All were badly burned and two will probably die.

Six persons were rescued from a threatening blaze in a Tenth Avenue boarding house. The conditions in the Jefferson Street fire were largely duplicated here, police and firemen picking up and carrying out unconscious occupants from several of the rooms. One man's condition is so serious that it is feared he will die.

# AMERICAN LEAGUE IS PLANNING ITS SCHEDULE

Short Season Sure to be Adopted—Old  
Plan of Organization to be  
Continued.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The American League began its annual schedule meeting here today. Today's session was occupied chiefly with the discussion of the renewal of the ten-year agreement under which the organization has existed since its formation in 1900. The present agreement will expire in November of this year. There was no opposition to the renewal as all the club owners appeared perfectly willing to continue the organization.

The adoption of the schedule will be the principal business at tomorrow's session. The adoption of a 154 or 168 game schedule by the National League will have no influence on this meeting, as the 154 game draft now drawn up will be adopted unless there is a radical and unexpected change in the attitude of the American League.

# FACE TRIAL TOGETHER ON CHARGE OF MURDER

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 14.—That Sophie Kritchman and Joe Mitchell will have to stand trial together for the murder of Brooklyn Kitchman, in Trilon City, on the night of September 17 last, was decided by Judge Williams in the superior criminal court here tonight. When Judge Williams handed down his decision that the two should be tried together, arguments were resumed by the defense asking for the release of Sophie on the grounds that her life could not twice be placed in jeopardy for the same crime. Judge Williams denied the motion and ordered that the trial of the two prisoners be taken up tomorrow morning.

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# SLAYS TWO THEN ENDS HIS LIFE

HOLDS COPS AT BAY

Finally Shoots Himself—Was  
Jealous of a  
Boarder

TORONTO, Feb. 14.—After murdering his wife, who called herself Matilda Washington, and Victoria Davy and wounding Policeman Morris this afternoon, Bill Withers, a colored man, stood alone in an Elliot street house for hours against a small army of policemen and citizens which grew until its dimensions had reached thousands. Finally, when resistance was hopeless, the big negro fired a bullet into his own head and was found dead in the attic.

The first shooting occurred at about three o'clock. As far as can be learned, Withers was jealous of Matilda Washington, who was twenty-eight years of age and daughter of Mrs. Davy. After the first shooting Policeman Morris went to the house and entered it. Withers was upstairs and warned the officer that if he came any further he would be shot. The officer, however, approached, when there was a flash of the revolver and Morris, who was near the foot of the stairs, received a bullet above the knee. It went down his leg, coming out at the heel. He dragged himself to a corner, where he boarded a car and went to Dr. Sneath's surgery. The Washington woman was dead from several wounds when Morris entered the house.

All available members of the detective force were summoned. Inspector Miller, Sergeant Reardon, Sergeant Greighton, Detective Moffatt, Detective Guthrie and Policemen Andy Yule and Hoag approached the barricaded house, with revolvers drawn. Yule and Hoag battered in the door but they were met with a fusillade of bullets but escaped injury. Yule and Hoag succeeded in getting the body of Mrs. Washington out.

Shortly after 4:30 Deputy Chief Starr arrived to take charge of the affair. He was accompanied by Inspector Detectives Duncan. All was quiet around the house when the deputy arrived, and much to the admiration of the crowd he entered the house, but he did not go upstairs. He decided the best thing to be done to ease the situation was to flood the man out, and he sent an order for firemen to turn water on. No one could seem to understand why a previous request had been refused by the firemen. At 4:30, nearly two hours after the first shooting had taken place, it was planned to smoke the man out. He had not been heard from for twenty minutes and it was then found he had killed himself.

The trouble was that Withers was separated from his wife, who had taken the name of her former husband. He was jealous of J. Miller, a boarder in the house, and had threatened to make trouble if he got Miller out of the way. There was a long argument as to the character of the house or of the two dead women. The body of Mrs. Davy was found at the top of the stairs shortly before 5 o'clock.

# MANY COUNTERFEITS IN CIRCULATION

Ten Cent Pieces and Quarters, Very Close  
Imitations, are on the Go.

There are in circulation about the city a number of counterfeit silver pieces. The ten cent pieces and quarters are quite numerous. The banks have been keeping a sharp lookout for the counterfeit pieces and have knowledge that a large amount of this coin is in circulation. These pieces were especially numerous about two months ago.

The counterfeiters are almost perfect imitations of the original, but a close examination will reveal that the milling is irregular and the coins somewhat lighter in color and weight. Persons should keep a sharp watch for these pieces as they are frequently to be found in change.

Capt. A. B. Barteaux, with the schooner A. B. Barteaux, arrived at Havant on Jan. 30th, being 15 days from St. John. This was a maiden trip of the A. B. Barteaux and her commander was well pleased with the conduct of the new craft. This vessel was built last year at Canine, being designed and built by W. H. Baxter. The tonnage is 330 tons, the cost \$27,200 and the classification 33A1 for thirty years in the French Lloyd. She is a handsome schooner, fast and has all modern improvements, including gasoline power for working, sails, anchors and cargo. Middleton Outlook.

# SAYS WITCHCRAET SLEW 17 CHILDREN

Father of Twenty Ascribes the Long Train  
of Deaths to Woman's Domineering  
Airs.

READING, Pa., Feb. 14.—That seven children of the twenty children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cart of this city died as the result of witchcraft was the startling statement made today by the parents. A daughter, twenty-eight years of age, died and was buried last week. The majority of the children died when quite young.

The parents have never been ill a single day, while their children wasted, almost, to skeletons. Attending physicians said several of the children were afflicted with marasmus, a wasting of the flesh, without any fever or apparent disease, while "pew" "pew" doctors declared that the children were bewitched by an old woman. Several of the children in their illness scratched their mother on the neck and face, screamed for hours and manifested other queer symptoms until they died.

While physicians declared that several of the other children died of tuberculosis, Mr. Cart believes all were bewitched. He said: "When one of our children was ill the doctor said it would not live over night, and at the suggestion of a neighbor I called in a 'Healer' who had the reputation of curing bewitched people. He hung something in a bag around the child's neck and gave it two kinds of medicine. He said that it had been bewitched by a woman, but would mention no name. From the time this doctor began to treat the child it began to improve, and is one of the three who are now well."

On another occasion when one of his daughters was ill, Mr. Cart declares, an old man, hearing him tell a friend about his loss of so many children, said he could help him, and he invited to try. He brought a piece of muslin, a needle and thread, a pen and red ink and the seventh book of Moses. He "pew-pewed" and then copied a verse on a slip of paper, using his red ink, and put the paper in a little muslin bag and hung it at the head of the cradle, and the child improved.

When Dr. R. E. Strausers was coroner he waged war on the "pew-pew" doctors, but they are still doing business in Berks county. One in Pennsylvania is a stronghold of superstition.

St. Luke's church was well filled last night in the course of the evangelistic mission. The bishop was assisted by Rev. R. P. McKim, Rev. J. E. Purdie and Rev. A. H. P. Watkins. A large choir, under the leadership of A. C. Ritchie, accompanied by cornet and organ, led the congregation in the service of songs. At 7:45 Mr. Ritchie took his place on the chancel steps and soon the great congregation was singing to the rhythm of his baton. The bishop spoke from the parable of the prodigal son. He proclaimed, he said, the loving heart of God and painted a picture of the two-fold possibility of human life. As the background to the mission should be set, he said, the fact of Father's everlasting love. Those present must say again and again to themselves: "God loves me." The parable presented a picture of one who

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