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**Swindlers Flourish in Stirring Times**

Paris, April 26.—An exhaustive enquiry conducted by the judicial authorities of Paris as the result of complaints made by the public has revealed, the *Matin* says, that out of 147 charitable organizations formed since the war began 76 are swindlers. Thirty-five of them are reported to be conducted by men who were released from prison just before or after mobilization.

Two of these "philanthropists" in particular attracted the attention of the investigators. While they were destitute when the war began, they now have handsome town and country residences, luxurious automobiles, and are the hosts at sumptuous dinners. The receipts of their "charities" are said never to have fallen below 2,000 francs (\$400) a day since they began operations in September. It has also been discovered, according to the *Matin*, that among these exploiters of the public are several Germans and Austrians who were successful in gaining their release from concentration camps.

Magistrate Pachot, who conducted the enquiry, in his report, divides these fraudulent enterprises into two classes. The first is described as purely commercial, although operating under the cloak of charity. Not only is cash solicited, but the gift of articles of various kinds, under the pretence that the articles thus obtained will be sold and the entire proceeds distributed among the wounded, the sick and refugees. The humbleness of these organizations, it is said, nets at least 500 francs (\$100) daily.

The second class sends out collectors, who are given 30 per cent of what they get as commission. Some of these collectors are said to have admitted making from 100 to 150 francs (\$20 to \$30) a day. Most of these "charities" have succeeded in obtaining the patronage of prominent persons through misrepresentations. The names thus used greatly facilitated the work of raising funds. Prosecutions will be begun, the *Matin* says, as the result of the investigations.

**Alleged British Deserter Surrenders**

New York, May 1.—An Englishman, who, posing as Sir Henry L. Stirling, Bart., K.C.M.G., arrived at Boston from England in February telling a romantic story of travelling 12,000 miles to marry the original of a picture he had fallen in love with, and who subsequently came here and said he was commissioned to purchase a submarine detector for Great Britain, last night admitted, according to the federal authorities that he is Henry Carlton Carlyle, a deserter and abscorder of funds from the British army.

Carlyle, who was taken into custody on a charge of using the mails to defraud, told the authorities, that he is a bigamist and that when the U. S. government is through with him he expects to be surrendered to England and shot by that government for deserting in time of war.

He is charged with taking money from young women on a pretense of engaging them as a travelling secretary to an English nobleman and companion to a titled lady.

Post office inspectors and assistant United States district attorney Stanton took his statement last night. Carlyle who is 30 years old and was born a Mitcham, Surrey, England says, according to the confession given out by the federal officials, that as pay sergeant of a howitzer battery attached to the 46th and 47th brigades of the Royal Field and Horse Artillery he deserted on January 11th, taking about \$3,700, and that, although married he bigamously married a Scotch girl who supposed she became Lady Stirling.

He claims, the authorities say, to have lived with at leading life here until his funds became so low that he inserted advertisements in the papers for a female travelling secretary, always requiring the applicant to advance money.

**Argentine Republic Refuses to Sell**

New York, April 27.—The Argentine Government, it became known here this morning, recently has refused offers from European countries for the purchase of the super-dreadnought *Moreno*, which was built at Camden, N.J., and which is to sail for the Southern Republic to-day. One offer, it is said, came from Greece, the bid being about \$17,500,000. It is understood that the Italian Government also tried to buy the battleship. The *Moreno*, one of the largest warships afloat, was built at cost of \$12,000,000 but a possible profit of \$6,000,000 failed to influence Argentina. Manuel A. Molina, acting Consul for Argentine overtures here, confirmed and reported overtures for the purchase of the warship, but would not say which countries made the offers. "I know that all of them were rejected by my country," he said.

**Discuss Question Of Early Election**

Ottawa, April 28.—The Cabinet council Tuesday afternoon discussed the question of an early election, but it is understood came to no decision. There is a distinct cleavage among the ministers as to the wisdom of an early dissolution, in view of the present war situation. The Rogers group is keen for an election by summer, if not in June, then in September. Premier Borden, Sir George Foster, Hon. Martin Burrell, General Hughes and the Quebec ministers are unwilling to take the plunge while the issues of the war are so uncertain.

It is said, the ministers met in two opposing groups to discuss the situation and review arguments both for and against an early election.

There will be another meeting to-day. Present indications seem to point to an indefinite delay in deciding when the appeal to the people shall be made. A June election seems to be fading into the background, and Hon. Robert Rogers is not likely to have his way this time.

**RECORD ALTITUDE FOR HYDRO-AEROPLANE**

Pensacola, Fla., April 30.—A new world's record altitude flight of 10,000 feet in a hydro-aeroplane was made here late yesterday by Lieut. P. N. Bellinger at the naval aeronautical station.

In one hour and twenty minutes Lieut. Bellinger made his ascent, which, so far as official data shows, never has been equalled, and he took sixteen minutes gliding back to earth. Greater altitudes have been attained by aviators in aeroplanes not engumbered with a boat.

**In Water He Sets Broken Leg as Boat Tosses**

London, May 3.—A surgeon of a British battleship in the North Sea has written of one night's experience aboard ship during a gale in which a seaman received a broken leg.

A twenty-one foot torpedo, evidently without its warhead on, broke loose on the upper deck and a squad of men were trying to make it fast when a huge sea swept over them. There were many minor injuries and several men narrowly escaped being washed overboard.

The seaman whose leg was broken was carried to the bakehouse, and thither with great difficulty the surgeon and his mate made their way.

"With the aid of a small packing case lid," the surgeon writes, "and with a handkerchief and the baker's apron we made some temporary splints and bandages and fixed the patient on top of one of the dough mixing troughs, with a heavy sack of flour on one side of him to prevent him rolling to port, a bulkhead being on his other side; and so we made him as comfortable as circumstances would allow. During this time the ship was plunging and lurching from side to side, with all sorts of corkscrew movements and rolling from twenty-five to forty degrees. There was quite a ton of water in the little compartment rushing about wildly and adding to the general uproar of the storm, so that it was only by shouting that we could make one another heard, except during occasional momentary pauses in the violence of the ship's motion. At every roll of the vessel the water was up to our knees.

"I found it was necessary to hold on to a ring in the bulkhead in order to prevent the patient and the flour bag by his side from being flung to the deck at almost each heavy roll or lurch to port. This became extremely tiring after an hour or two, and discovering that the baker had a hammock stowed away we managed between us to get it slung, and with considerable difficulty we succeeded in transferring the patient to it. During the following hours at different times one or other of us was flung down violently into the water, in which there were now floating and rushing about all kinds of objects which had broken loose and fallen into it."

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