

PARIS HOTEL MAN A GERMAN SPY

Was to Have Served That Famous Dinner For Kaiser in August—Financed by Secret Service Funds

Paris, July 23.—Astonishing disclosure as expected at the approaching trial of Arthur Geisler who has been jailed here on a charge of embezzling \$100,000 belonging to the shareholders of hotels in which he is interested.

Geisler was the biggest hotel man in Paris. In addition to the Astoria which was patronized by all the leading American visitors, he ran the Campbell, Mathebeles, Beausite, Columbiad and D'Autriche hotels in Paris, the exclusive Roches Noires at Trouville, and the fashionable Imperial at Nice.

What astonished Paris business men is the fact that ten or twelve years ago Geisler was penniless. They allege that at least ten years ago the German Secret Service, the most efficient organization of its kind in the world, began to finance him with a view to enabling him to corner the best hotels in Paris.

They further allege that it was on the Kaiser's own orders that Geisler built the sumptuous Astoria in readiness for the Kaiser's triumphant entry into Paris as conqueror. The staff of the hotel was exclusively German with the exception of the chef.

These allegations constituted a charge that Geisler acted as secret agent on behalf of Germany before and during the war. In fairness to him therefore, it must be added that no publicity had been given to his reply. He is not indeed officially charged with espionage.

At the outbreak of the war he was arrested on suspicion of having erected a wireless apparatus on the roof of the Astoria—which occupies a commanding position at the top of the Avenue des Champs Elysees—with the object of intercepting official messages sent to and from the Eiffel Tower, but the charge failed and he was lodged in a segregation camp as an enemy alien.

His hotels were sequestered and while verifying the books the government auditors discovered they had been tampered with. Geisler was thereupon arrested and transferred to a Paris jail.

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A. D. PROVAND OF SHIP RAILWAY FAME DEAD

(Amherst News)

A décapité last evening in the Montreal Star announced the death of A. D. Provand, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. His death took place at his home in Edinburgh. The passing of Mr. Provand will naturally recall to the minds of many that ill-fated venture, the Chignecto Ship Railway which Mr. Provand had been so intimately associated.

Following the collapse of the company more than a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Provand was appointed the managing director in the interests of the shareholders, and for twenty-five years had been an annual visitor to Canada, especially to Ottawa pressing upon parliament the claims of the Chignecto Ship-railway. The company lost somewhere between four and four million in the project. It had paid a large amount of duty to the Dominion government. The original charter provided that the work should be completed in two years.

The extension was refused about the year 1898-1894, and the company went into liquidation. Mr. Provand claimed that the Dominion government, not legally bound to compensate the shareholders, should at least refund the duty which had been paid on the machinery which the company had imported into Canada and he also held that in view of the refusal to extend the charter, further compensation should be given to the shareholders.

Mr. Logan, while a member of the house, endeavored at one time to secure an appropriation on behalf of the men who had lost so much in this venture, but Mr. Provand turned down the amount suggested with scorn.

His face and form were much more familiar in Ottawa than some of the regular members of parliament. Up to the last, he did not lose interest in the company with which he had been identified so long. He was well known in Amherst where he was a frequent visitor and on more than one occasion, he addressed our board of trade here, pressing them to use their influence to secure compensation for the shareholders and in return, Cumberland county would be given the right of way across the straitway project will probably pass out of history.

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GERMAN CONCRETE GUN FOUNDATION IS FOUND HIDDEN NEAR MONTREAL

(Amherst News)

Montreal, July 23.—Following a report received yesterday that an aeroplane had visited Chateauguay, near Montreal on Tuesday night, and that a German officer living there had since been missing and is believed to have left in the machine for the United States, it was known that Chateauguay, like many places in Belgium, France and England, has a "German gun base," a solid concrete foundation for the mounting of big guns.

This concrete structure, seven feet in depth, was built more than a year ago by a German resident, and was covered over and used as a tennis court. The situation commands the Chateauguay Canal and the railways in that vicinity. The matter has been reported to Ottawa.

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LOCAL NEWS

All roads lead to 14 Charlotte street.

Band concert will be held tonight at the Tea House, Rockwood Park, from 7.30 till 10 o'clock.

Band concert, games and amusements Saturday afternoon at "Midway Gardens", Glen Falls.

New Straw Hats Starting today we will sell all our straw hats at half price—Mullholland's 38 King Square. Look for electric sign Mullholland's.

Annual Picnic Queen Square church will hold their annual picnic at Grand Bay tomorrow. Trains leave 9.15 and 1.30. Adults 40c; children, 20c.

Middy Blouses Girls' white skirts with waist to wear with middy blouses, sizes 8 to 14 years; another lot just in at Daniels', ninety-eight cents.

Accident William Welsh, employed in a saw mill in Cheley street, met with a painful accident this afternoon, when one of his fingers became caught in part of the machinery and was quite badly lamed. Dr. C. M. Pratt attended him.

Union Made Overalls Ladies' headliners overalls, H. S. Peters Brother and Sons, Cashmere overalls and Peabody's overalls. In any size and color at 81 1/2 from Mullholland's, 38 King Square. Look for the electric sign, Mullholland's.

Sister Lives Here Charles Shanks of Burton died in the Victoria hospital, Fredericton, this morning after a brief illness. He was aged forty-two. He leaves his wife and three children, also one brother and four sisters. One of the sons is Mrs. Jerry Howe, living in St. John.

The Popular New Waist Ladies' embroidered Jap silk waists, very popular in United States, worn instead of organza waists, thin and sheer, wash and ironing easy, and most economical; will wash as easily as a silk handkerchief. This new lot will be sold at one dollar and fifty cents each at Daniels' 14 Charlotte street.

Midway Gardens, Glen Falls Open Saturday afternoon with bagged concert, games and amusements. A new refreshment pavilion has just been completed, and it is the intention of the management of "Midway Gardens" further to improve the grounds and furnish additional means of pastime and amusement at this new resort. Swings, a rope-gymnasium, vaudeville and other attractions will be added. First band concert Saturday afternoon.

British Cable Vessel STRATHGOWAN IS LOST Honolulu, July 23.—The British cable schooner Strathgowan, enroute from Auckland, N. Z., to Fanning Islands and Honolulu, is a total loss in the South Pacific, near the Fiji Islands. One boat and the crew was picked up, but a second boat was still unaccounted for at last reports. It is believed the Strathgowan hit Minerva Reef and foundered.

Charles Rowe Was Sought For Years—Rumor That He Was Famous Missing Charlie Ross London, Ont., July 23.—Charles Rowe, Great Lakes sailor, who made his home in Detroit and for whom news was conducted through the columns of newspapers throughout the United States and Canada, for years, that he might receive an estate estimated at \$60,000 left by Luke Rippen of this city, died here yesterday afternoon.

Deaths McSherry—At her residence, 446 Main street, on the 21st inst., Mary A. beloved wife of John McSherry, leaving besides her husband, three sons, three daughters and one sister to mourn. Funeral on Saturday morning at 9.45 from her late residence to St. Peter's church for solemn requiem high mass. Friends are invited.

A GOOD STORY WILL BEAR OFF REPEATING

THE STORY OF TODAY is one intensely interesting to wise home furnishers. It's the story of big values in every kind of Furniture for lesser outlay than you would be asked in many other places.

J. MARCUS - - 30 DOCK ST.

Government Posts in His Constituency Only for Soldiers E. N. Rhodes Says That is His Policy in Reference to Appointments

Ottawa, July 23.—E. N. Rhodes, M. P. for Cumberland, says that in his constituency where vacancies occur in the government service he will recommend for appointment only Canadian soldiers who have been invalided back from the front.

Midnight Fishermen That the superiority of moonlight fishing to day fishing is yet to be found, is the opinion of a party of men who left the city last night to angle in Loch Lomond by the light of the moon. Two fish were caught but the credit goes to the voluntary disposition of the fish to local sportsmen men were enquiring when they were wrestling in grim battle with the fish.

Italy's Navy Has Cleared Adriatic Quiet But Very Effective Campaign Has Been Going on Steadily—Spies and Foes Chased

Rome, July 23.—The following statement was given out at the Italian navy department today: "Since the last statement of July 7, the navy has intensified its activity in co-operation with the aerial service against the enemy's coasts in the lower and upper Adriatic. The following operations on sea, were carried out: "In the Dalmatian Archipelago: Cutting cables near islands, which on account of their proximity to our coasts, constituted effective centres for observation for the enemy, destruction of depots for re-arming barracks, factories and torpedo boats on one of the islands and the capture of a few prisoners."

Buried Today The funeral of John McCarthy took place this afternoon from his late residence, 86 Crown street, to the Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. Hector Belliveau. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price Quick Work in Mending Glasses Usually we can make a new lens and return the glasses to our customer within two hours after the broken lens is brought to us. As we have complete facilities for grinding lenses in our own shop, we can make new lenses in the shortest possible time, with absolute assurance that they will be accurate in every detail.

British Consul Says Situation Serious London, July 23.—Despatches received from British Consul Greig at Monastir, Macedonia, indicate that the situation of the refugee population in the district is very serious.

A Big Dam W. J. Hunter, Sussex, left for Campbellton this week, to construct a dam for the Shaves Lumber Company, the dimensions of which will be 175 feet long and 32 feet high.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewellers and Opticians, 21 KING STREET, ST. JOHN, N.B.

MONTREAL MAY SEE AIRSHIPS IN BATTLE

Local Airmen Preparing to Meet Excited Metropolis

Montreal, July 23.—Whatever their mission may be, peaceful or otherwise, strange aircraft visiting the vicinity at nightfall in the days to come will in all probability meet their counterparts, for there are now one or two aeroplanes in Montreal which are ready to take the air and pursue the visitors.

For the past week or so, nightly reports of aircraft in the vicinity of Montreal have been received, and should the intrepid birdmen, for there are at times two of the machines, again fly in this direction, the airmen of Montreal are convinced will probably be treated to the thrilling sight of a duel in the air, or at least a chase.

The machines in the city, it is stated, are being kept in readiness to fly at a moment's notice, and are being kept under a warm reception in his next appearance, should his intentions prove hostile.

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Disestablishment Off Till After War? London, July 23.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—In parliamentary circles it is believed that the government has arranged for the issue of an order-in-council, postponing the coming into force of Welsh disestablishment until the war is over. The Welsh members, it is understood, are not opposing this proposal.

New York Strike New York, July 23.—Ten thousand members of the Children's Jacket Makers' Union struck today. Three or four hundred shops, on the East Side, controlled by independent manufacturers are affected.

A Beauty Hint To whiten sun-tanned, freckled skins

SUMMER suns bring to many women a new complexion problem. Freckles and other unsightly spots appear. Prolonged exposure often brings about an undue tanning which, if not corrected, may become permanent. Something must be done to whiten the skin without injuring its texture. Try this simple natural method tonight.

Just before you retire, cleanse the skin thoroughly in your usual way with Woodbury's Facial Soap and take warm water. Wipe off the surplus moisture, but leave the skin slightly damp. Now dip the cake of Woodbury's in water and go over your face and throat several times with the cake itself. Let its lather remain over night and wash again with Woodbury's in your usual way the next morning.

Woodbury's Facial Soap is the work of a skin specialist. This treatment with it is just what your skin needs to whiten it. Use it every night—unless your skin should become too sensitive, in which case discontinue until this sensitive feeling disappears. A marked improvement will be seen after a few applications, and your skin will soon become just what you want it to be. Use Woodbury's regularly thereafter in your daily toilet and keep your skin in perfect health.

A 25c cake of Woodbury's Facial Soap is sufficient for a month or six weeks of this treatment and daily toilet use as well. Get a cake today. It is made in Canada and is for sale by Canadian druggists from coast to coast.

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