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### The Beautiful Spy

The Workings of The Special Branch at Scotland Yard Are Revealed In This Fascinating Narrative Of How A Daring Woman Agent Of An Enemy Power Aided Her Confederates Were Brought To Book.

(By GEORGE DILNOT, Author of "Secrets of Scotland Yard.")

The Special Branch at Scotland Yard does not advertise. Its activities are cloaked in a discreet silence, whether they are concerned with Communists, suffragettes, anarchists, Sinn Féiners, or spies, for seldom does its work finish in the glare of a public court.

Nevertheless, it does its job with silent and relentless efficiency. When the Great War broke out it was the Special Branch that cleaned up, in the first month or two, practically all the big and highly trained spies, who imagined that they were entirely unsuspected.

Thus Herr Stettin, head of the espionage headquarters at Antwerp, was left in a position of some embarrassment. With German thoroughness, he met the situation by starting a school for spies, and recruits were taken in from adventurers of all classes, at a cost of a hundred pounds cash, and the promise of thirty pounds a month plus expenses—not high pay when the risks were considered.

This story begins with the arrival at Tilbury, nine months after the war began, of "Mr. Reginald Rowland," a handsome, well-groomed young gentleman, complete with American passport, an American accent, and credentials that proved him to be a musician, agent for a firm of New York piano manufacturers.

Scotland Yard was unostentatiously interested in his advent, for a tip had reached them from Rotterdam that he might not be all that he seemed. So a quiet eye was kept upon him.

#### Hitting The High Spots.

He stayed at an hotel in Bedford Square, where he posed as a genial and well-to-do business man. Within a day he had called upon a beautiful and fascinating woman living in the Hammermill Road. This lady, who was something over thirty years of age, was Mrs. Lizette Wertheim, the wife of a naturalized Britisher, who had been deserted by her husband. She had vivacity and charm, and an unquenchable habit of extravagance. Rowland had money.

For a day or two they hit the high spots of town together. They dined at the best restaurants, went to theatres, rode in Rotten Row on the best horses that could be hired, and made themselves friendly with a Red Cross officer, whom they induced to take them about town. And all the while Detective-Inspector Trevor Fitch, of the Special Branch, was quietly waiting for something to develop that would reveal their purpose.

Within a week Mrs. Wertheim, who seems to have acquired, even in so short a time, a taste for the life of a wealthy woman, who intended to make a prolonged holiday tour through Scotland. She courted, rather than shunned observation.

Somewhat she managed to hire a fast motor car, and in it she dallied about the Fifth of North to such purpose that it came to Fitch's ears within a week that she had roused the suspicions of at least two Naval officers, to whom she had made herself agreeable. There were others to whom this alluring woman was nothing more than a represented herself to be. So she got hold of information which she embodied to her confederates in London.

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The joyous escapade on the South Coast came to an end. Rowland, who held the purse, found their funds were running low. It was time to get down to real business.

He returned to his hotel in Bedford Square. Mrs. Wertheim took train to Scotland, where she was to exercise her fascinations on any Naval officer or other person, from whom she might glean information on the dispositions or plans of our fleets.

She appeared in dazzling splendour at the Arlington Hotel at Edinburgh, and let it be known that she was a wealthy woman, who intended to make a prolonged holiday tour through Scotland. She courted, rather than shunned observation.

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"But the stuff was sticky. At Scotland Yard it was found to be the very ink used for the spy's invisible writing."

So far so good. The ink was the last link in the chain that had been forged against Rowland. Now it was time to rope in Mrs. Wertheim. A wire was sent to Aberdeen, where she had been last seen, but she had vanished before the police could act up on it.

Fitch took up the trail. Five days after Rowland's arrest he located the woman at a house in Regent's Park Road. It was eleven at night when he called upon her.

To his request that she should accompany him to Scotland Yard she demurred with artistic indignation, and, as he persisted, grew angry until she was screaming almost at the top of her voice.

"This is outrageous!" she exclaimed. "A lady like myself dragged out of her home at this time of night!"

Found Guilty. Nevertheless she had to go. When the two confederates were put under examination at Scotland Yard the woman proved of sterner and more indomitable stuff than the man. Little was got from her. She declared fiercely that she was a British subject, and had a perfect right to travel where she liked.

Rowland or Breckow was different. Under inexorable questions, he broke down. His passport was found to be a forgery. In floods of tears, he practically admitted everything.

The two were put on trial at the Old Bailey before three High Court judges, and both were found guilty. The man was sentenced to death, and the woman to penal servitude for life.

Breckow was shot at the Tower of London. Mrs. Wertheim was sent to the women's convict prison at Aylesbury. In course of time her mind gave way and she was removed to Broadmoor, where she died about four years ago. —Answers.

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Billingsgate is quite adequate to deal with the fish that arrives by river, but it is inadequate to deal with the other 90 per cent, that comes into London by rail. This is taken to Billingsgate by van, and whilst in the case of the principal provincial markets half an hour suffices to clear a van, the average time taken at Billingsgate is 3-1-2 hours.

It is computed that if the average detention were reduced from 3-1-2 hours to three-quarters of an hour a saving of £50,000 a year would be effected.

Few things aggravate the City traffic problem more than this absurd concentration of the fish trade in an altogether inadequate market, the approaches to which could not be worse if they had been specially designed to present the greatest possible difficulties. A departmental Committee has declared that this problem is one of the utmost urgency.

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Among the collection of motor-driven boats is a cruiser built for Cuba. It is fifty-five feet in length, and is said to be the largest one-piece exhibit ever shown. Of special interest will be the British motor-boat "Bulldog," which holds the world's speed record, having done more than forty knots. After the exhibition this boat goes to America for international races.

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Links That Save Lives

One of the most dangerous tasks that a railway worker has to perform is the coupling and uncoupling of moving trucks. There have been numerous cases where men have been crushed between the buffers while attempting to couple iron links.

A new device that obviates the need for men to stand between advancing trucks has been introduced on East Coast trains. It is known as the Buckeye automatic coupler, and acts on the "soldier's grip" principle. A steel hook projects from between the buffers of one truck, and is locked to a receiving device on the next by the mere pressure of their impact.

The new coupler has a technical advantage as well, for by its means a train of coaches or trucks is converted into a flexible length of steel, which, in the event of a collision, would not be so liable to leave the rails as a train with ordinary link couplings.

Disturbances in Grecian Islands

ATHENS, Dec. 10.—(A.P.)—Despatches from Samos state that a traveller reaching there from the island of Karpathos has reported that serious disturbances occurred at Karpathos when the Governor of Rhodes arrived to enforce application of the new Italian order asking Italian nationality compulsory for the inhabitants of the Dodecanese Islands.

It is declared that the inhabitants fired on the Governor, whereupon the soldiers accompanying him replied with a fusillade, with many casualties. The traveller also reported that trouble occurred on the island of Kalymnos.

### On the Air To-Day

WPG ATLANTIC CITY. Wave Length 299.5 Metres—Kilocycles 1000. (Eastern Standard Time.) Friday, Dec. 18, 1925.

8.45 p.m.—15-minute Organ Recital (Request Selections). Arthur Scott Brook, City Organist.

7.00 p.m.—Hotel Morton Trio. Dinner Music. J. Leonard Lewis, Director.

8.00 p.m.—"Educational Series." Public Safety. Patrick J. Doran, Chief of Police.

8.15 p.m.—Studio Program. Dorothy Torchiana, Soprano; Dr. Bertram Fenimore, Baritone; Alice Warren Sachse, Pianista.

8.50 p.m.—Mrs. John Kendrick Bangs. "Weekly Line of Cheer."

9.00 p.m.—Hotel Traymore Concert Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Hotel Nichols' Dance Orchestra. Garden Pier.

11.00 p.m.—Organ Recital (Popular Selections). Joan Wiener.

Saturday, Dec. 19, 1925.

1.30 p.m.—Hotel Morton Luncheon Music. J. Leonard Lewis, Director.

CNEA (291 Metres) MONCTON, N.B. Friday, Dec. 18, 1925.

8 p.m.—Bedtime Stories—Aunt Ida.

8.30 p.m.—Dominion Department of Agriculture Radio Service.

9 p.m.—STUDIO PROGRAMME. Presenting Fabien Arsenault and his "Old-Timers."

11 p.m.—Programme by CNRA Orchestra.

CNET (356.5 Metres), TORONTO, ONT. Friday, Dec. 18, 1925.

6.30 p.m. (E.S.T.)—Dinner Concert.

Luigi Romanelli and his King Edward Hotel Concert Orchestra, playing in the Main Dining Room of the King Edward Hotel.

9 p.m.—Studio Programme.

A Programme of Christmas Music by YE OLDE WAITES.

Directed by Alfred Heather.

1. Piano Solo—"Noel" (Balfour Gardiner)—Kathleen Irwin.

2. Three Old Carols (a) "O Come All Ye Faithful," (b) "The First Nowell," (c) "Like Silver Lamps"—The Waites.

3. Tenor Solo—"Carol of Bells" (Stanford)—Alfred Heather.

4. Contralto Solo—"Star of Bethlehem" (An Old Hymn)—Jessie Borthwick.

5. Two Carols (a) "Good King Wenceslas" (Sols by Ethel Gentle and John Detwiler), (b) "Bethlehem" (Gounod)—The Waites.

6. Soprano Solo—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (Harker)—Florence McNair.

7. Bass Solo—"Nazareth" (Gounod) John Detwiler.

8. Contralto Solo—"Christmas Legend" (Tschalkowsky)—Beatrice Fitzpatrick.

9. Duet—"Hosanna" (Granier)—Jessie Borthwick and Alfred Heather.

10. Three Selections from "The Messiah" (Handel), (a) "There Were Shepherds," (b) "And Suddenly," (c) "Glory to God"—Florence McNair and The Waites.

11 p.m.—Dance Programme.

Luigi Romanelli and his King Edward Hotel Dance Orchestra, playing in the Oak Room of the King Edward Hotel.

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JEFF, WE'LL BEAT THAT INSURANCE COMPANY YET! I JUST DISCOVERED THAT IN CASE YOU GET ILL THEY GOTTA FORK OVER SEVEN AND A HALF A WEEK!

BUT I NEVER FELT BETTER IN MY LIFE!

I AIN'T BEEN SICK SINCE I HAD THE MEASLES WHEN I WAS TWO YEARS OLD AND THAT WASN'T MY FAULT!

MUTT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ANSWER ME THAT!

NOTHING! BUT I DO THINK YOU'RE TOO DARN HEALTHY FOR OUR OWN GOOD!

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