

BOEHM A MASTER SPY

HE NOW AWAITS DEATH IN TOWER OF LONDON.

Men and Women Who Assisted Him in the United States Find Themselves in Trouble on Account of His Criminal Activities—Story of How British Authorities Captured Their Man.

SIGNING of the armistice on November 11 did not end the hunt for spies in the Allied countries, as we are reminded by a report of the indictment of two men in New York on a charge of aiding Capt. Hans W. Boehm, one of the most notorious of German spies. Boehm is now under sentence of death in the Tower of London, as he has been since the summer of 1916, and it is said that the reason for delaying the execution is a desire to hunt down all the chief spy's associates. The men indicted in New York are Carl T. Thomas and Max Wyner. It seems likely that others will be indicted, among them a woman named Buesom, who appears to have been one of the chief conspirators. Turning to the story of how Boehm made two or three visits to Germany in 1915, and it is said that before sailing on each occasion he had an interview with Count Bernstorff. He is also said to have received \$65,000 from Captain von Pape, which he distributed in fomenting labor troubles at factories making munitions for the Allies. In Germany he made reports to von Jagow. All his activities and the activities of his confederates took place at a time when the United States was a neutral.

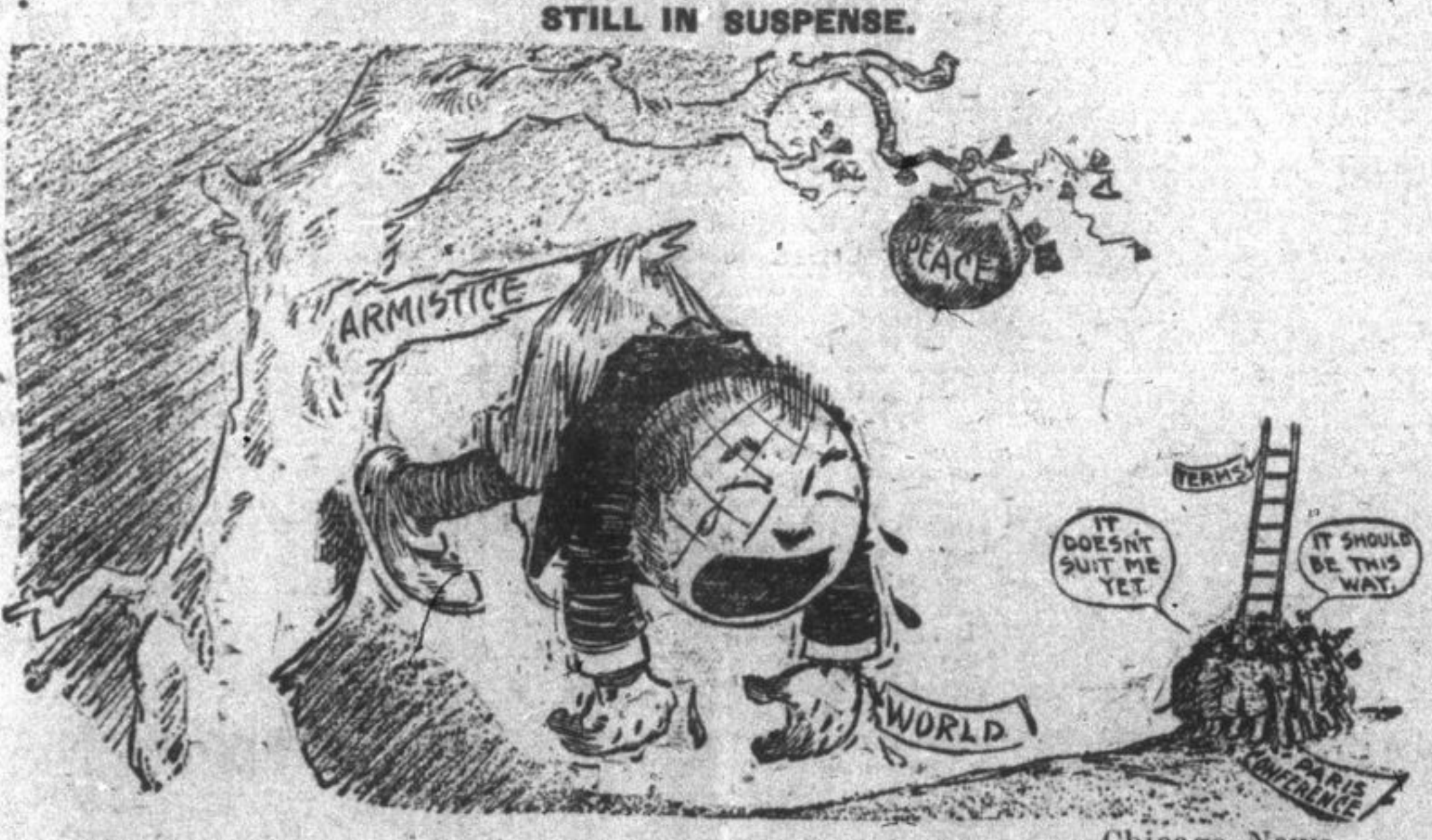
Capt. Boehm, of the German army, and especially after the war, was in the United States, landed on August 1, 1914, a circumstance that adds to the overwhelming weight of evidence which proves that he was a spy. It is reported that he took it for granted that Great Britain would enter the war and that there would be a tremendous manufacture of munitions in the United States for the Allies. He went to Portland, Ore., where he was the manager of several clubs, and helped organize a bomb squad. Subsequently he made three trips to Germany and returned unsuspected. After his third trip he incautiously let drop a remark which indicated that he was a spy. He was then in the German army, whether he made the confession to a British agent or to someone who told a British agent, the fact was immediately reported to the British Embassy at Washington, and a close watch was set upon Capt. Boehm. Shortly afterwards, in the summer of 1916, he set out on the voyage that was destined to be his last. He sailed on a Canadian ship which arrived at Falmouth on June 22. British police came aboard, and when they left Capt. Boehm with them. The next day he was arraigned before a court-martial, was shortly afterward condemned to death and has been lying under sentence ever since.

Boehm's confederates in the United States, so far as is known, were Carl Thomas and Max A. Wyner, the former being employed on the staff of a German-American newspaper, presumably one of Hearst's strings. In the fall of 1915 the former introduced Boehm to a Mrs. Jellie Thrasher, a German by birth, who had been recently divorced from her American husband, thus making her an American citizen. This woman, by the way, is now in custody at Ellis Island. At that time she was living in considerable style at a New York apartment house, and soon after the introduction Boehm and Thrasher came to Blake, also took up his residence in the apartment. It is now contended that Mrs. Thrasher received Boehm into her home for the purpose of establishing his American citizenship. She wrote to officials in Toronto to learn the place and date of her husband's birth, the pair not having been married long enough to get very well acquainted. These letters are in the hands of the American Government, and are likely to make things awkward for the lady.

The object of the letters was to secure data which would aid Boehm in the impersonation of her former husband. Armed with this information, Boehm made application for a passport in Thrasher's name. Accompanying his application was an affidavit from Wyner to the effect that he had known Boehm or Thrasher for ten years and knew that he was an American citizen. Whether Wyner made this affidavit out of love of the Fatherland or for a sum of cash in hand is not clear. He will presently have the privilege of explaining it at any rate. The passport was issued and Boehm, under the name of Thrasher, set sail as previously mentioned, only to be taken off the boat at Falmouth. He was most indignant at his arrest and demanded that the British Government should communicate immediately with his wife in New York or with officials in his native Georgian city who would establish his identity. He explained that he had been away from Georgia for some years, but was sure that he would be remembered, and he asked the officers to make certain to mention the fact that he wore glasses.

Now it appears that Mr. Thrasher had worn glasses from boyhood, having an incurable astigmatism. This fact was established by the British Secret Service, which also established the fact that the glasses worn by the prisoner were of a different character and made only for occasional use. Thrasher would have been blinded by Boehm's glasses, and Boehm would have been blinded by Thrasher's glasses. Apart from this error, Boehm had no chance, since he had been under surveillance for months. While the investigation was in progress Mrs. Thrasher was married to Karl Buesom, a German, and when the United States entered the war she was among the thousands rounded up and interned as dangerous.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian manse, Spencerville, on April 17th, when Amanda Tait, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Tait, was united in marriage to Robert Willey.



From The Countryside

Frontenac

WESTBROOK. April 19.—Owing to the continued wet weather, no seeding has been done yet. The United farmers held a meeting in the hall on Thursday night with a large attendance. The school closed Thursday for the Easter holidays. The Misses H. Gates and E. Shillington, of Sydenham high school and Ursula Sproule of the Kingston Collegiate Institute spent their holidays at their homes here. Leo Kenny after spending the week-end at his home here returned on Tuesday to Toronto. The roads are in a very bad condition.

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Leeds

JUNETOWN. April 18.—Miss Agnes Price leaves to-day to spend the holidays with her parents at Seby. Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Patrick Flood on Wednesday at Trevelyan. Miss Helen Beaubien, Rockport, spent Sunday at G. P. Scott's. Miss Gertrude Scott, Poole's Resort, has returned home for the holidays. Mrs. G. P. Scott visited at Jacob Warren's on Wednesday last. Jacob Warren continues quite ill. Misses Beatrice and Arvilla Avery and Fern Warren, Brockville, are enjoying holidays at their homes here. Edmund Hefferman is engaged as helper at Arden Warren's. Vernon Morrow has engaged to assist Ira Tennant, Caintown, for the summer. Robert Mulvaugh is not gaining from his recent illness as quickly as his friends would wish him. Herbert Scott spent Thursday at Poole's Resort. Clinton Avery is busy with his sawing outfit at Parvis street. W. H. Franklin spent the week-end in Brockville. Mrs. Mary Scott has returned home after spending a few weeks at Charles Shipman's, Ivy Lea.

Prince Edward

BONGARD'S. April 18.—Owing to the prevalence of influenza in this locality, the social for Good Friday evening, was postponed indefinitely. A. Pringle intends moving to Picton in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pierce entertained a number of young friends to dinner recently. Miss Edith McCannock, of Picton, is spending Easter holidays with her sisters, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Hicks in the navy at Halifax during the war, has come to remain with his family, who recently purchased a home in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Clair McCannock entertained on Friday evening. Mrs. L. Pierce has left for Hamilton to visit his daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Mayne. A number from here attended the entertainment at Glenora on Tuesday evening. J. H. Harrison of Picton is spending Easter with friends here.

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Township Councils

PORTLAND. Verona, April 7.—Members all present. Minutes of last meeting adopted. A by-law was passed authorizing the loan of \$6,000 from the Merchants Bank of Canada, Verona, Ont., for current expenditure and schools interest \$70 per annum. On motion Cowdy-McKeever, the Harrowsmith Methodist church was services during the building or repairing of Methodist church. A by-law was passed allowing Messrs Craig Kitchin, Reynolds, and Goodberry, the right to erect a telephone line on the Craig road. The Reeve was authorized to pay county treasurer \$4,450 balance due county on car of potatoes, providing the county S.S. Frontenac relieves the township of Portland from any portion of the loss incurred through the handling of the potatoes in the township of Pittsburg and Kingston. The rate of wages during season of 1919 on road-making machinery to be 25c per hour per man, 50c per hour for man and team, 30c per hour for overseer. Accounts paid: \$25, Ed. Whitty, one sheep killed and two injured by dogs; \$150, Hubert Dowker; repairing walks, Harrowsmith; \$220, George Babcock, snow shovelling for 1919; \$8.50, George Babcock, work on road near Holland; \$2.75, John Walroth, dynamite fusing caps; \$12, John Laveque, work on Laveque road; \$22.50, Tom Laveque, work on Laveque road; \$46.48, Archie Portland, share of repairs on Hinchinbrook building; \$200, Harry Watson, sec-treas. S.S. No. 6 for teacher's salary; \$150, B. H. Campall, sec-treas. S.S. No. 7 for teacher's salary; \$150, H. W. Shaas, sec-treas. S.S. No. 4, for teacher's salary; \$200, A. Bradshaw, sec-treas. S.S. No. 3 for teacher's salary; \$25.11, Hanson, Crozier & Edgar, printing; \$2.95, British Whig, printing; Council adjourned to meet in Harrowsmith, Monday, May 5th, at 1 p.m., or at call of Reeve.

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Englishman Came Back.

London Tit-Bits. All who have visited Epsom have seen the big gates on which are perched two stone dogs. An American officer saw them recently for the first time. He approached a native with a joke on his lips, expecting to see it fall flat as he believed would be the case. "When do they feed those dogs?" he asked. "Every time they bark," said the Epsomite, and now this particular American is more of an admirer of Englishmen than ever.

On Thursday evening the body of Mrs. (Rev.) John Sirell, Elmira, N.Y., passed through Brockville en route to Delta for burial. She was seventy-nine years of age. Her husband, who pre-deceased her, was for a period Baptist minister at Algonquin.

Arthur Gravelle, ex-mayor, has been elected councillor of Renfrew by acclamation to fill the vacant seat through the resignation of A. E. Smith, who leaves town. The death of an old citizen of Cornwall, Donald A. Roach, occurred on Thursday. The deceased was in his eighty-seventh year.

Mr. A. Price, Lyndhurst, will shortly assume the duties of matron of the Belleville and Hastings Children's Shelter.

COMMISSION THE SOLDIERS' AID

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