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EUROPE'S HIGH SPIES RUB ELBOWS IN PLOT HATCHERIES

(By Kenneth W. Payne)

New York, Nov. 25—Face to face and inscrutable like grim players of the world's most famous game of chess, stand two skyscrapers way down in the lower end of Manhattan, which house, it is said, the two most powerful and mysterious plot hatchingeries in America.

When the Austro-Hungarian ex-consul Josef Gorica charged that Consul General Von Nuber of Austria was manipulating from his office in New York a system of spies ramifying into every industrial community in this country, I decided to go down and explore this alleged lair of foreign plotters. I wanted to see where has just been engineered the sinister series of destructive fires and explosions in American factories.

And instead of a tight-closed, darksome den, I found a wide open—an ostentatiously wide open—suite

of officers where innocent looking clerks clattered away at typewritten documents which they took no pains at all to conceal from the casual visitor.

Wideopenness, in fact, is the chief characteristic of the Austro-Hungarian consulate. Through all the wide flung doors of the third floor suite the inquiring gaze of the passerby in the corridor seems eagerly invited, and the smiling officials appear to have nothing more to hide than have the English clerks in the offices of the Cunard line directly below, sitting at their desks under a great picture of the lost Lusitania.

And right around the corner, in the very next building to this so-called plot hatchingery, stands what perhaps is the counterplot hatchingery—the English consulate. But there everything is silent, unobstructive,

closed. And thus here, at the rival headquarters of the great war as it is being waged in America—the war of conspiracy upon which almost as much of the world's fate depends as upon the battles of armies in Europe—here the two methods of secret service are picturesquely exemplified—the Teutonic and the British.

Equally utterly innocent to all surface appearances, the one veils its real activities behind publicity, talk, smiles, hustle, noisy openness, while the other simply lies low, close-mouthed, dark and silent. Whether or not Chie Flynn of the United States secret service actually unearthed positive proof of a huge bomb conspiracy depending in dark and dubious ways directly from the foreign consulates, still, because all America knows that in fact the foreign officials in this country cannot possibly be ignorant of what is going on, it is fascinating to loiter for a morning down here in the very heart of the hang-out of spydom.

Great Britain, it is known, has sent across the Atlantic her willist sleuths from Scotland Yards and the foreign office to trail the Teutons over here.

The employers of these secretly fighting institutions ride down to work in the same subway train, the officials see each other getting out of limousines at the same corner, they jostle each other in the corridors, and overhear each other's talk in the elevators.

Yet unheeding they are playing against each other the darkest, most fascinating game of mystery which has ever gone on in this country. It is Greek against Greek—the most expert adepts of the ancient European art of high spying working here right under our eyes. What strange events may be stirred up and down here at the business end of Manhattan island, now that a third force, the United States secret service, has been injected into the game?

WAR TRAGEDIES

(Continued from page two.)
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All is not tragedy, however, in the lines that catch the "personal" reader's eyes. We have, for example, glimpses of gay guardsmen who turn their thoughts from soldiering to dancing occasionally. Here's a little subaltern who would fain trip the light fantastic:

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RESOURCES COMMISSION HAS ITS WORK CUT OUT

A Painful Surprise Awaits Them in British Columbia—Will Also Encounter a bewildering State of Affairs in Manitoba.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Nov. 27—Much interest is expressed here in the projected operations of the Dominion Resources Commission, which is to take stock of our national assets and point out what can be done to increase production and thus help to pay the war debt and build up traffic for the one transcontinental railway and a half which might be taken over by the government.

It is a large order but the commission has wide scope and ought to be getting busy soon. It will not do to postpone these constructive ideas until the war is over or to straggle in as the Hospital Commission does months after the conditions, in the shape of returned and disabled heroes with no jobs waiting for them, begin to overwhelm us. The hope is also expressed that the Dominion Resources Commission is not another of Mr. Micawber's promissory notes and that it will bring in an exhaustive report which will be acted upon promptly.

In discussing the resources of the dominion, the commission may touch upon the question of Alberta's natural resources, and will possibly inquire why these resources have not been handed over to Alberta as promised by Premier Borden, some five years ago, when he had small expectation of ever handling them. Of course that was in the heat of conflict and promises, at that time, meant no more than Germany's promises to the Bulgarians and Greeks, which are mighty free of the other fellow's property. The Dominion Resources Commission will probably take the view that Premier Borden couldn't promise what he hadn't got and that a good promiser is always entitled to second guess anyway.

THE B.C. DEBRIS.

Passing further west the commission will come upon the debris of the natural resources of British Columbia. They will be surprised and pained to learn that perhaps ninety per cent. of these resources in the way of farm and

timber lands, fishing rights and mining concessions are in the hands of speculators who are holding them for a market and who meanwhile do not even pay their back dues into the provincial treasury. They will learn from the people out there that the resources are further mortgaged for \$80,000,000 to the Mackenzie and Mann interests, and that the only thing that prevented Sir Richard McBride from giving the Rocky Mountains away to a Portland cement trust was a split in the cabinet. British Columbia no longer belongs to the people of British Columbia. It belongs to the land pirates, the timber wolves, the mining sharks and the railway promoters.

Another Richard, famous in history, was willing to sell his kingdom for a horse. Sir Richard has gone him one better—he has sold the kingdom and somebody else has the horse. The commission will observe a tendency in British Columbia to knock Sir Richard, but they will be pleased to remember that a profit—I mean a profit—is not without honor, save in his own country. As a matter of fact it is not Sir Richard's fault at all. British Columbia simply sized him up wrong—they mistook his hair for genius. And now he has had his hair cut.

THE MANITOBA STEAL.

After shedding enough tears at the sad plight of British Columbia to fill, say, the Fraser River, the commission will retrace its steps to Manitoba, where it will encounter a bewildering state of affairs. It seems that the Roblin government long ago did all they could to the natural resources of Manitoba and at their last victorious election had recourse to the unnatural ones in the shape of a million and a quarter dollars' worth of extras for Thomas Kelly, a considerable part of which found its way into the party chest and did much to smite the wicked Grits. These resources, including enhanced cupolas, skimped steel work and imaginary (Continued on page seven.)

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