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# Max Loenge, German Deserter, Seeks Refuge From Hun Rule At Prison Camp in Atlanta

Sailor Escapes From Raider Moewe at Vera Cruz and Has Thrilling Adventures in Making Way Overland to Atlanta

MAX LOENGE, who didn't like the German navy, so "left," and is now in Atlanta seeking internment for the duration of the war. He says he deserted from the raider Moewe at Vera Cruz, Mexico.—Staff photo by Walter F. Winn.



Max Loenge, thirty-five years old, self-confessed deserter from the German navy and glad of it, appeared in Atlanta Saturday morning seeking internment for the duration of the war and expressing the opinion that many thousands of other slaves of the Kaiser would much rather be in American war prison camps than bearing arms under iron discipline.

According to his own story, Loenge left the German navy when the raider Moewe docked in Vera Cruz in 1914, soon after the outbreak of the war; worked on a Mexican farm until his health gave way; swam the Rio Grande to Texas; backed up against a Texas farmer who filled his arm and face with bird shot; caught a fast train east and jumped off at Atlanta as the most attractive looking place he has seen.

He looked the city over for several days, he said, made up his mind that, being a German, he couldn't get work even if naturalized, so applied to the chief of police for internment as an enemy alien.

The chief of police sent him to the department of justice. The investigation sent him to the department of justice; the attorney general's office sent him to the United States marshal, where he was taken in custody by Deputy Marshal John W. Jones. The deputy sent him to the Fulton county jail and from there, as soon as Washington authorities approve, Loenge hopes to go to the prison barracks at Fort McPherson and renew acquaintance with other interned members of the Moewe crew.

**Swam by Texas Farmer**

Max turned against the German navy soon after the outbreak of the war when, he says, they took him, a perfectly good soldier and a better seaman, and made him a "trooper."

"They just take every able-bodied man," he said, "and don't ask him anything. Just put him wherever they want him and under iron discipline."

When the Moewe, after sinking five ships, docked in Vera Cruz to await wireless orders, Loenge got shore leave, he says. Suddenly the wireless called him to the opportunity to stand on shore when the raider left.

He worked in Monterey on a farm until his health failed, his story continued. Then, pocketing his money, he made for the American border because, he said, he had heard America was far healthier than Mexico.

Swimming the Rio Grande, he made his way to a farm house near Laredo and, posing as a Mexican, asked for lodgings for the night. This was given him. His idea, he said, was to hunt up a German friend and seek his advice.

During the night he overheard a conversation in which a German was talking of the opportunity to stand on shore when the raider left.

Loenge decided to move on. "Then he got one leg across a convenient wall and, with two loads of bird shot helped him through and when Loenge stopped running he had set what he calls a pretty good trap and he landed in Atlanta."

Loenge displayed his left arm peppered with shot. The right side of his face also had caught part of one load.

"Damn, yes," he said, "I was tired."

"Damn, yes," he declared, in fluent English. "I was tired and I was hungry. I was in Germany and on English ships. I want to be interned. I couldn't get work anywhere and I'm sick—malara."

Loenge couldn't fight seven men. "New I couldn't fight a woman."

He knew nothing about the progress of the war. He said he was apparently wasn't particularly interested. He hadn't read the papers, had no people at home to be interested in except a brother who he supposed was probably dead by now. He had no knowledge of German activities in Mexico or America and simply wanted to become the guest of the United States.

## AMUSEMENTS

At R. F. Keith's Lyric

The fascinating Patricia O'Dare is to be the star of the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday program at R. F. Keith's Lyric in a sparkling new musical comedy production, "Too Many Sweethearts."

The bill to be offered today is hailed as the best of the season.

## SENATOR SMITH PLEASED WITH AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

Georgian Declares Wright Factory Is Turning Out 20 Battle Planes a Day

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Combat planes for the American army are now being turned out at the rate of a score a day from the Wright factory in Dayton, Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, stated today on his return from an inspection trip to that plant. Senator Smith, a member of the aircraft subcommittee of the senate military affairs committee, said he was greatly encouraged at the rate at which the Liberty motor go up and stay up for an hour, making tremendous speed.

"Conditions are first-class," said Senator Smith.

Other members of the subcommittee who have been visiting Buffalo, Detroit and Cleveland factories will return here Sunday.

## ACCEPTANCE SECURED SATURDAY, CAMPAIGN TO START ATONCE

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ities that will presently open before us."

Following these remarks by Mr. Orr, Robert P. Maddox was called on to say a few words. He responded as follows: "I am very much gratified that Mr. Inman has consented to make the race. I have known him ever since he was a boy and I know that Atlanta's destiny will be safe in his hands. He has had experience in city affairs. His view on business questions are absolutely sound. He has large business interests in the city. As Mr. Orr has intimated, Atlanta is on the threshold of a great expansion, and with Mr. Inman in the mayor's office we can feel assured of meeting our new opportunities and making the most of them. We owe Mr. Inman our utmost endeavors in the campaign. And just here I take the liberty of suggesting that you gentlemen use your efforts to bring out some high grade, representative business men for council in your respective wards. Nothing will help Mr. Inman so much after his election as a council prepared to support him."

**Campaign Organization**

It was agreed that the campaign shall be thoroughly organized at once with a central executive committee and a campaign committee in each of the ten city wards. Mr. Inman's candidacy will have the active and energetic support of everyone present at the meeting. It will be backed with great vigor in the comparatively short period intervening between now and the primary date.

Among those present at the meeting Saturday morning were the following:

W. T. Wilson, R. K. Rambo, W. O. Foote, W. B. Disbro, David Woodward, T. T. Flagg, Frank Adair, Forrest Adair, Jr., Horace Grant, Eugene Dunlop, Thomas G. Gwynn, Edwin F. Johnson, W. R. Bean, J. W. Fielder, H. A. Maier, J. P. Allen, Davis Strauss, J. L. Baldwin, Edward W. Alfriend, William Chadwick, W. M. Grant, Robert F. Maddox, John W. Grant, Frank M. Inman, Chessley B. Howard, Al Smith, Adams, Earle Greene, J. W. Goldsmith, Jr., Edwin F. Johnson.

Members of the notification committee of ten who waited on Mr. Inman and secured his consent to make the race were as follows:

A. A. Fast chairman; W. W. Bryan, M. H. Murphy, W. O. Foote, J. L. Lowenstein, David Woodward, Edwin F. Johnson, Robert F. Maddox, R. C. Aiston, W. B. Disbro.

**Mr. Inman Well Known**

Mr. Inman is one of the most prominent young business men in Atlanta and the south. He is a son of the late Hugh T. Inman, who was the pioneer citizen of Atlanta, and a nephew of the late Mr. Samuel M. Inman, who was known as "Atlanta's First Citizen."

He is a member of the Cotton Club of Atlanta and is one of the largest in the south, and has extensive business interests in other lines. He possesses business acumen and a degree, a trait that is characteristic of his family.

His father, the late Mr. Hugh T. Inman, served in the council for many years and was also a member of the board of the water board for many years. When the city was obliged to have a large sum of money some years ago to purchase a new pump for the city, a degree, a trait that is characteristic of his family.

His father, the late Mr. Hugh T. Inman, secured loan of something like \$100,000 and was bought with this money and installed in time to meet a crisis in the waterworks department, and in honor of Mr. Inman his name was placed upon it.

## TWO HEAVY COUNTER ATTACKS BY TEUTONS REPULSED WITH LOSS

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Berlin says "local attacks by the enemy were repulsed." The German advance near Marcy, between Rheims and the Marne, in which 200 prisoners were taken, is reported.

French troops on the Flanders salient have improved their positions near Loos. On the Picardy battlefield American troops took prisoners in a raid. There were 100 in the West and in Lorraine the American and German artillery have been active. Anglo-French forces have captured more than seventy prisoners. Austro-Hungarian troops attempted advances on the Asiatic plateau only to be beaten back. At several points along the mountain front enemy patrol parties were repulsed by the Italians.

Increased activity is reported from the Italian front. In attacks between Lake Garda and the Piave, Italian troops captured more than seventy prisoners. Austro-Hungarian troops attempted advances on the Asiatic plateau only to be beaten back. At several points along the mountain front enemy patrol parties were repulsed by the Italians.

## French and U. S. Marines Continue to Drive Enemy

PARIS, June 8.—French troops, co-operating with the Americans, northwest of Chateau Thierry, continued to advance last night on the northern portion of that front, the French war office announced today.

Two violent German attacks on the southern portion of the line in that region were repulsed with heavy losses.

"South of the Ourcq, the French progressed, pressing the Germans back," the communiqué said.

The French lines now reach the west borders of Dammar, east of Chazy and one kilometer (.621 mile) north of Neuilly-la-Poterie.

"Fifty prisoners were taken. Further south two violent German attacks against Bouresches and Lethiole were repulsed with heavy losses."

(Bouresches is five miles northwest of Chateau Thierry, on the main high-way leading from Chateau Thierry.)

"On the Aisne front there was a violent German attack against sixteenth mile south of Soissons."

"Southwest of Ambly (six miles directly west of Soissons) French positions were improved."

## British Take Prisoners In Raids Against Huns

LONDON, June 8.—British troops took prisoners and inflicted casualties in raiding and patrol actions along the northern part of the front last night, the war office announced today.

The statement read: "We captured a few prisoners last night in a successful raid in the neighborhood of Halluch. Our patrols inflicted casualties on the enemy in the St. Etienne sector and captured a machine gun."

"The hostile artillery has been active north of Albert and southeast of Arras."

## French and Americans Reduce Sharp Salient

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES ON THE MARNE, June 8.—The allied attack in the region of Neuilly-la-Poterie, in which American marines played a part, was continued for the purpose of reducing a sharp salient the Germans had driven into our line south of the Clignon river.

The combined French and American line has been advanced until it now includes Vincy, north of the Clignon river, Neuilly-la-Poterie, the heights south of Halluch and the village of Neuilly-la-Poterie, Torcy and Belleau.

Reports of the fighting, received at French headquarters, in that region were as follows: "The allied forces, under the command of a French lieutenant, after a long and bitter struggle, captured an entire machine gun crew and killed back the gun. An American machine gunner, after attending wounded in the open until heavy fire forced him to seek shelter, brought back four wounded men with him."

## French Soldiers Retake Bitterly Contested Position

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 8.—By the Associated Press.—Loos, Hopscotch, which the Germans captured on Wednesday night, was retaken by the French yesterday.

The position was held by the British, but the Germans had taken it back. The French had retaken it and completely re-established their original line.

The French have thus removed a more or less serious threat to the village of Loos, which itself is an important defense for Mont Rouge and other hills lying immediately to the west. The position is only about 500 yards southeast of Loos and is on rising ground, which is slightly lower than the site of the village.

Miss Laura Smith, elementary supervisor in the Atlanta public schools, who was unanimously elected by the board of education Saturday to the office of superintendent of the Atlanta public schools for a period of thirty days to meet the present emergency growing out of charges pending before a committee of the council.

## U. S. STEAMSHIP CHASED INTO BY ENEMY

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and there was not the anywhere on board. I time of emergency, I can beat these young A nerves are like steel." Among the members of the party was the Rev. R. of New Orleans.

## Tanker Reported Northbound Sh

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. A tanker was reported as Cape Henlopen in a w this afternoon receive control boat. The early this morning.

Wireless calls have b dering all northbound Philadelphia or Jorfol ed. This report came r of the news of the sin wigan vessel Vinland.

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