

## A CHANCE TO KNOW SOME SPIES BETTER

Joseph Gollomb Has an Interesting Collection of People Who Fought Differently in Many Big Wars.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

JUST what part spies have played in all of the big wars of the world, including the World war, is a pretty big problem. But the problem, although a big one, has been successfully answered, I think, by Joseph Gollomb in his new book, "Spies," just published by the Macmillan Company.

I can truthfully tell you that here is one 389 paged book that kept me up at night and caused the electric meter to mount just a little higher. The stories of these spies, ranging from "The Ancient History of the Spies," including Indian spies and coming up to date with spies of the World war, often made my breakfasts a little late.

Gollomb in his foreword says: "Com'on sense if nothing else would tell me that in such rich field of dramatic material, invention would be gilding refined gold. I have sought above all, therefore, to give the essence and the spirit of these stories, confident that they needed no touch of fiction to make gorgeous telling. If in the absence of documentary data I have made some of my spies talk, I tried to do so in the spirit of the portrait painter who seeks to catch the character of his subject where the camera could not record it—or did not. But with this unessential exception I have tried to put down what history has recorded."

And as far as I am concerned, Gollomb has not only done this but has collected one of the most fascinating bunch of thrills that one could imagine to be collected in one volume.

There are two outstanding spies in this collection and their stories read like fiction, but they have all the elements of realism and fact all the way through.

During the World war there was a lot of newspaper space devoted to the execution of Mata Hari, a woman spy for the Germans in Paris and other places who danced her way to death. Her unusual story is told in the chapter on "The Spy Who Danced Her Way to Death."

You will be astonished how this "street walker" used her body to make fools out of high government officials to get information which directed some of the terrible harvest of death of the German submarine warfare. There were times that I could not comprehend how men in high positions could become so wild over the flesh. And yet the story of this spy is one of the most sensational of the World war.

One of the most fascinating strange stories in this collection of "Spies" is told in the chapter devoted to "The Spy Who Blackmailed a King." The name of this spy is Chevalier d' Eon and for a long time it was not known whether he was a man or a woman. He was a man who could doll up like a flashing woman and get away with it. Here is one of the most unusual stories of blackmail that affected a king and a crown.

"Spies of the Civil War" is another chapter that many people will enjoy.

Here is an unusual book. It is great reading. Thrilling theater. It is splendidly written and it is loaded with facts, that I am sure.

I recommend this book for those who are crying out for something different.

Indianapolis theaters today offer: "Greenwich Village Follies" at En-

### Best Sellers

The following is a list of the six best sellers in fiction and nonfiction in Brentano's New York stores for the week ending Oct. 27, 1928:

"The Jealous Gods," Gertrude Atherton (Liveright); "The Empress of Hearts," E. Barrington (Doubleday); "Madame," A. Huxley (Doubleday); "The Strange Case of Miss Annie Spragg," L. B. Stokes (Garden); "The God," Rafael Sabatini (Houghton Mifflin); "Harness," A. Hamilton Gibbs (Little, Brown).

NONFICTION

"Rasputin," R. Fulop-Miller (Viking); "Born in the Snow," Edna Millay (Hyperion); "John Brown's Body," S. V. Benét (Doubleday); "Portrait of Colonel House," Vols. 3 and 4," Houghton Mifflin; "Robber Barons," W. A. Doherty (Brentano); "Why We Misbehave," S. Schmalhausen (Macaulay).

FREIGHT LOSSES DROP

Robberies of Cars Show Big Decrease in Last Six Months

By Times Special

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Railroads of the United States established a new low record in the first half of this year in the amount of claims paid as a result of robbery of freight while in transit, according to the freight claim division of the American Railway association.

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### TEST MILK IN SUNLIGHT

U. S. Bureau Finds Liquid is Harmed by Solar Rays.

By Science Service

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