
Editor of *Tribune* and *Journal* Owner in “Hist” Book’s Coils: Steinmetz, Electrical Genius; Catholic Editor, and Minister Who Repeated 23rd Psalm are Also Put Down in Post Office’s Little Tabulation

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That William Randolph Hearst of the *American and Journal* and various other papers is a “suspect” on the Censorship List might please the *Tribune*, envious of the large circulation of the Hearst papers, if it were not for the fact that Gareth Garrett, managing editor of the *Tribune* and valiant crier of “pro-German,” were not also on the same list. Of course, the charge that William Randolph Hearst is pro-German is a silly lie. Had there been the least real evidence to this effect it would have been published long ago or held over his head to make him be “good.” Hearst is pro-Hearst. He attacks institutions and men when it suits his purpose to do so. As for Gareth Garrett, all well-posted newspaper men know why his name is there.

Before the war Gareth Garrett was said by the gossip on Newspaper Row to be sympathetic to Germany. It may be that his knowledge of this was the cause of his overzealousness in trying to attach the stigma of “pro-German” to many citizens brave enough to champion democratic rights in war times. It is a very <illeg.> trick and often very effective in keeping away of those who yell loud and often enough.

Dr. Ernest H. Gruening, for a short time one of the editors of the *Tribune*, is also on the Postal Censorship List. The shameful story of the treatment of Dr. Gruening by the *Tribune* will be tried in the courts, as Gruening is suing them for a broken contract. Gruening had been with the *Tribune* but a short time when the story of the purchase of the *New York Mail* broke, involving Dr. Rumely. It happened that Dr. Gruening had apartments in the same large apartment

house with Dr. Rumely, as did many other people. He knew Dr. Rumely, as also did thousands of other newspaper and public men. There was never any charge to connect him in any manner whatsoever with the activities of Rumely. The Hearst papers and the *Tribune*, however, were engaged in a daily mud-slinging campaign, and the Hearst sheets, seeing their opportunity to put one over on the *Tribune*, published a story about Gruening. The result was that the Tory *Tribune*, instead of having the decency to stand by Gruening, severed its relations with him as a result of a case of cowardly hysteria produced by the fear that they might be charged with having a “pro-German” on their staff. Dr. Gruening, the innocent sufferer of the sordid and disgraceful affair, demanded a retraction from the Hearst papers and got it. And, if there is any justice in our courts, he should win his suit against the *Tribune* for its cowardly and unjust treatment of him. Dr. Gruening is a citizen of the highest character and went to the *Tribune* from Boston, where he had made an enviable name for himself as the champion of all liberal movements. It is, therefore, not strange that he should be on a list compiled by the agents of this administration. The presence, however, of the names of Hearst and Garret Garrett shows that the espionage system, when it is constructed by amateurs, will produce some funny exhibits. The work of Archibald E. Stevenson is a sample of this.

We will again take up the names of those on the list whose presence there surprises us less than those we have named above.

Pacifist Pastor Suspect for Repeating 23rd Psalm.

Rev. Floyd Hardin, on the “suspect” list, was a victim of the most remarkable persecution that occurred even during the hysteria of war times. He is a pacifist residing in Los Angeles. He was arrested at a pacifist gathering while committing the heinous crime of repeating the 23rd Psalm — “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.” He was charged with committing a “breach of the peace” and sentenced to six months in jail, like John Bunyan, the author of *Pilgrim’s Progress*. After serving three months, a higher court, with some sense of decency left, reversed the disgraceful decision of the lower court. What would have happened had Hardin repeated the Lord’s Prayer or “Blessed are the Peacemakers,” we shudder to contemplate.

Agnes Brown Leach, a Quaker who took her belief seriously enough to be active in the Civil Liberties Bureau and the American Union Against Militarism, is "suspect."

Rev. Norman B. Barr of Chicago is also honored with the attention of the espionageers. Barr is prominent in both social and religious work in Chicago. He has the respect of all the forward-looking and liberty-loving people of that city. He is, and was, a pacifist, and did not run to cover when the White Terror was let loose in this country by the reactionaries. He believed the gospel that he had been teaching for years and persisted in preaching it.

World's Electrical Genius Listed by Mental Pygmies.

Charles Steinmetz of Schenectady, the world-famous electrical expert, has also been placed on the list. Steinmetz was "anti-Kaiser" before Germany even went to war. He had denounced the whole iniquitous Prussian Junker machine, while the New York Times was placing its columns at the disposal of Nicholas Murray Butler and other Tories to praise the Kaiser. But Steinmetz was a Socialist. In the midst of his busy life he has acted as an official of the city of Schenectady, elected on a Socialist ticket. And the mental pygmies who compiled this list put this great genius and useful citizen down as a "suspect."

Rev. Father Thierney is the editor of *America*, the Catholic weekly, and is suspect. Not because he is an editor of a Catholic weekly. There are both Catholics and Protestants among the Bourbon Democrats. Father Thierney's offense is, undoubtedly, that he is opposed to the tyrannical rule of England in Ireland and has favored with voice and pen the political freedom of that country.

Labor Champion Suspect for Work in Steel Hall.

Jacob Margolis of Pittsburgh, "suspect," is an attorney who has defended in court many labor men and radicals who for years have conducted a veritable reign of terror in their efforts to keep the workers in subjection. Pittsburgh is the main industrial hell of the Steel Trust. Small wonder that the Bourbons placed the name of a man brave enough to fight for the oppressed on the list.

Caleb Harrison, "suspect," was candidate for Vice President on the ticket of the Socialist Labor Party in 1916. He is an iron worker and a noted organizer, not only in his craft, but among the general

labor movement. He has had as much sympathy for Kaiserism in Prussia or America as a woodsman has for a rattlesnake.

Miss Martha Gruening was a Bryn Mawr College girl about 10 years ago, when the sweated shirtwaist girls in Philadelphia went on strike. She offered her services on the picket line and was arrested by the uniformed thugs who went the limit to help break the strike for the masters of the sweatshops. She is a lawyer and still enough of a soldier of the common good to be “suspected” by the reactionaries. We are proud to be able to state that she was once a reporter for *The Call*.

We will close our list today with one of the particularly asinine records of the espionage — **“New Thought” Library and Reading Room**. We are not able, however, to sketch for our readers a true picture of the ass who set it down. It is beyond us. It was “New Thought” — and this was enough for the “snooper.” There must be something wrong with any institution that had the word “thought” attached to it.

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