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Department of Justice Agent Revealed Plot, Says Palmer

TO INTELLIGENCE CORPS

Washington, May 24 .- Both the army intelligence corps and the Department of Justice were forewarned that Grover C. Bergdoll, draft evader, planned an escape from custody, Attorney General Palmer declared in a statement tonight, disclaiming respon sibility on the part of the Department of Justice for circumstances which permitted Bergdoll to get away. Information that a plot with an escape in view was under way, Mr. Palmer said, was first obtained by the army authorities and was given to them by his department.

"The Department of Justice received a letter from one of its agents, dated April 30," Mr. Palmer said. "to the effect that Bergdoll would make application for a writ of habeas corpus that would take him temporarily out of the custody of the War Department and place him in the custody of a marshal or deputy marshal; that pend ing these proceedings he would attempt to make his escape, or, if allowed bail, would jump his bail bond.

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"The bureau of investigation made its plans therefore, to prevent an escape in case of application for writ of habeas corpus. No such application was ever made and Bergdoll did not come within the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice in any man ner that would warrant our interfer-

No Trace of Slacker.

Philadelphia, May 24.-Col. Thomas Q. Donaldson, of the inspector general's department, Washington, and Col. Alexander B. Coxe, of the army general staff corps, arrived here to day to take up the local angles of the War Department's inquiry into responsibility for the escape of Grover C. Bergdoll from two army guards here last Friday. Bergdoll at the time was on an alleged "treasure hunting

ritive by the federal and civil agent country. This was given some credence by Harry B. Pierce division superintendent of the Department of , Justice, who received a report from Atlantic City that the yacht Emmi C. said to be owned by Bergdoll's mother, had disapepared from its mooring there a few hours after his escape. Mr. Pierce requested the authorities at Washington to warn all coast guard, revenue, lighthouse and other government agents to watch for the yacht along the . lantic coast.

A report also was received that the City late Friday afternoon, but this could not be confirmed.

George Gale, harbor master at Atlantic City, said tonight there had been no such yacht moored there, and D. Clarence Gibboney, local counsel for Bergdoll, denied that Mrs. Bergdoll owned one. "To the best of my knowledge and belief," Gibboney said "Mrs. Bergdoll has no yacht, never

had one and does not wish to have

one." The craft is not registered. Records at the city hall show that both Grover and his brother, Ervin, as well as their mother, recently have disposed of large real estate holdings. Ervin is also being sought as an alleged draft-dodger. According to the records Grover sold property on May 10 and May 16 aggregating more than \$100,000. Mr. Gibboney today verified Bergdoll's statement regarding a alrge sum of gold he possessed. He said Bergdoll, before he No trace has been found of the fu- fled to avoid the draft, drew \$105,000 in twenty-dollar gold pieces from a searching for him. Rumors of all bank. "He placed the money in bags sorts reached the federal authorities containing \$10,000 each," added Mr. today, one of them to the effect that Gibboney. "These he stowed away in had planned to leave the two metal chests which he had buried in the mountains."

AL CHIEF CALLS

DOWN CONGRESSMAN

Washington, May 24.-Cross-exami ination of Secretary Daniels before the Senate naval investigating committee today would about in a tortnous way from verbal wrangle to debate and back to wordy clashes between the Secretary and Chairman Hale, The lat ter at one point requested Mr. Daniels fugitive had been seen in Atlantic to answer a question with "yes" or "no" and the Secretary challenged the right of the chairman to tell him how to reply.

"I am secretary of the navy and I shall answer you in accordance with the duteis of my office," the Secretary retorted. "You have no more right to tell me how to answer a question than I have to tell you how to ask

Plans Are Furnished

Mr. Daniels' testimony today dealt largely with the Navy Department's way plans in April, 1917. He furnished the committee with a lengthy list of war plans of various types, to refute, he said, Rear Admiral Sims' charges that the department had no plans.

During one interchange the chair man accused Mr. Daniels of delaying the hearings by introducing "irreleart matter" and by giving evasive

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mer," the chairman added. "That Suits Me."

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"I can't understand why you are in-

troducing so much irrelevant mater,"

ings are being conducted at great ex- intend to give full answers to your pense to the government and I would questions if it takes all summer." "All right," replied Mr. Daniels, think that you would be as anxious as any of us to expedite them."

continued Senator Hale. "These hear- hearings," replied Mr. Daniles, "but I any possible enemy."

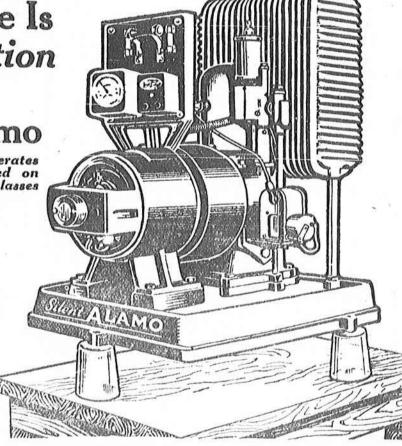
Mr. Daniels told the committee that the Navy Department had plans "as "I am not introducing irrelevant adequate as any in the history of any matter and I do wish to expedite the navy in the world" for war " against

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