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Mata Hari Who Ran Spy Ring Indicted with Alleged Satellites



Grace Buchanan-Dineen

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DETROIT, Sept. 18. — Grace Buchanan-Dineen, beautiful 34-year-old brunette who allegedly was the American head of an international spy ring until she turned counter-spy to expose her satellites, faces arraignment in Federal court within the next few days on charges of espionage.

Miss Buchanan-Dineen, said to be a descendant of French nobility, and seven other persons, at least two of them prominent in Detroit social circles, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury less than a month after they were seized by the FBI. Two of her alleged associates, Carl John Wilhelm Leonhardt, a carpenter, and Walter John Art, pleaded guilty to the espionage charges at the time of their indictment.

According to the indictment, the ring sent information to Germany through 16 co-conspirators in Europe who are also named in the charges. One of them is Gyula Rozinek, German espionage agent in Hungary, whom the FBI said was Miss Buchanan-Dineen's husband.

The indictment says the countess began her espionage activities in the U. S. A. on her arrival in Detroit via Canada in October, 1941. She made many lectures before women's groups, and was highly popular in social circles here.

The five others indicted with the countess include Mrs. Theresa Behrens, 44, former social worker; Dr. Fred W. Thomas, 44, prominent Detroit physician; Bertrand Stuart Hoffman, 27, merchant seaman; Mrs. Emma Elise Leonhardt, wife of the carpenter, and Countess Marianna von Moltke, wife of a deposed professor at Wayne University.