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CONVERSATION WITH DR. LOTISCHUS OF FRANKFURT, ON THE SUBJECT OF RIBBENTROP'S EARLY LIFE.

Dr. Lotischus was introduced to me by Admiral Howard, of the British Navy. He was formerly general agent in Germany for Phelps, Dodge, and was married to a Jewish girl who committed suicide after having been imprisoned by the Nazis. He became acquainted with Ribbentrop because that gentleman had a mistress (Jewish) in Frankfurt, who was a friend of his wife. Ribbentrop sought to induce her to obtain a divorce and marry him. She refused and he married the daughter of Otto Henkel.

Ribbentrop, who began life as a Cavalry Lieutenant, spent too much money. His father paid off his debts, and sent him to America practically penniless. There he learned English and worked as a waiter etc. (Probably accounts for his interest in Hitler). When World War I broke out, he smuggled himself back to Germany and became ^{an} officer in the Merseburg Hussars. Later he prospered as a salesman of champagne, but also sold whisky and French wines. His trade provided an occasion for learning French.

He was undoubtedly Germany's most successful champagne salesman. But his early habits persisted. He entertained lavishly at his home in Grunewald, though his father-in-law was compelled by the depression to move to the country. His cook was the former chef de cuisine of the Emperor William II. Later on when he went to London, he built the Embassy over. The British said "Ribbentrop has one of the finest embassies, but you can't hear a ribbon drop". He was ambitious. Moved with the wind.

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