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SIDNEY REILLY 1874-1925

Sidney Reilly has been called the Ace of Spies and hailed as undoubtedly the world's most extraordinary British spy. During his career, he was awarded the Military Cross for distinguished services. Yet much of what the world knows of Reilly as fact was all a ruse designed to hide his true identity.

Reilly was a Russian-born adventurer and secret agent who was alleged to have spied for at least four nations, including the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, and Imperial Russia. Throughout his career, he was employed by Scotland Yard, the British Secret Service Bureau and later the Secret Intelligence Service.

In 1918, one of Reilly's missions was to assassinate Vladimir Lenin. He was captured, tried, and sentenced to death for this plot but managed to escape before the Bolsheviks got a hold of him. In 1925, Reilly was lured back into Russia where, upon crossing the border, he was immediately arrested, incarcerated and ultimately executed.

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