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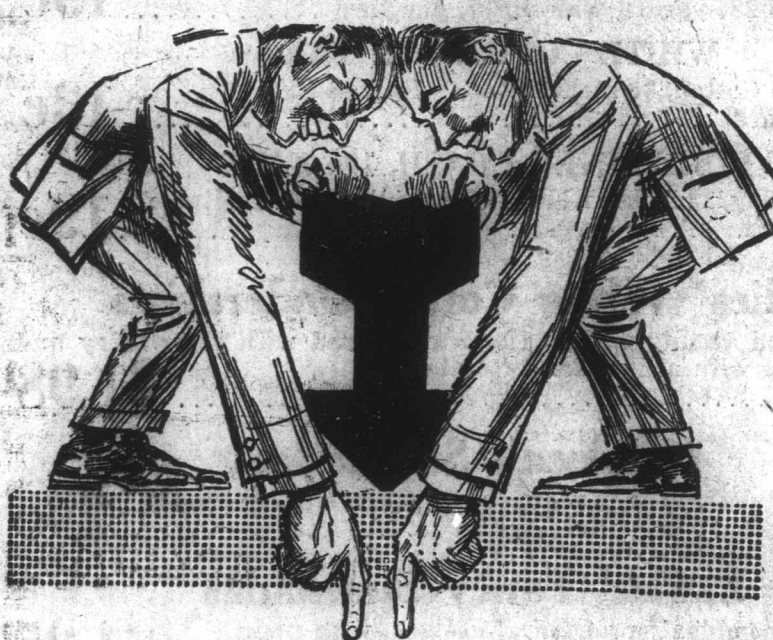
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Some Pointers on Clothes Conservation

For a Business Man, in his effort to do his part in the winning of the war, to decide to make his old clothes serve to approach on the verge of personal shabbiness is mistaken sacrifice. That policy would defeat the ends sought. In war times as well as peace times, good clothes count in daily routine.

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ASQUITH AND HALDANE BOTH BLACKMAILED BY FOE, CHARGED NOEL PEMBERTON-BILLING

Sensational Trial in Old Land Ends, M.P. Being Found Not Guilty of Libel on Maude Allan, Dancer—The Defendant Charged Judge on Bench With Vice

London, June 7.—Noel Pemberton-Billing, who has been on trial on a charge of libel preferred by Miss Maude Allan, the dancer, and J. T. Grein, manager of the Independent Theatre, was found not guilty yesterday, and a case which has stirred all Europe and America is ended. In the course of the prosecuting attorney's summing up Pemberton-Billing withdrew the allegation that Maude Allan was addicted to certain vices, interrupting the counsel to say:

"I do not accuse Maude Allan of practising these vices. I merely allege she pandered to them."

Judge Darling, surprised at this statement, pinned Pemberton-Billing down to a definite withdrawal of the allegation. The prosecuting attorney then rejoined:

"He now withdraws the allegation which he only introduced to enable him to put forth the remarkable story of the forty-seven thousand."

"It's not fair. It's not true," shouted Pemberton-Billing, when Justice Darling was summing up the evidence. His lordship was also repeatedly interrupted by Captain Harold Sherwin Spencer and Lord Alfred Douglas, witnesses, until he ordered them removed from the court. The former shouted at the judge many times:

"You lie. You lie, and you know you lie."

Rejoinders from the bench, only met with hisses from the gallery.

Series of Retaliations.

The acquittal of Noel Pemberton-Billing.

Billing, M.P., and publisher of the newspaper "Vitaliste," followed a trial which was marked by a series of revelations relative to the power alleged to have been exercised over influential Englishmen and women by the German Government, whose agents had collected what purported to be data of immorality in England and had placed it in a book which was said to be in possession of a certain German prince.

Miss Maude Allan, the dancer, figured in the case because she had played a prominent part in the presentation of Oscar Wilde's "Salome."

The play was given at the Independent Theatre which has been under the management of J. T. Grein.

The Vigilantes, which printed the story of the secret book, said to be held by the Germans, asserted in its next edition that if Scotland Yard were to seize the list of the members subscribing to the Independent Theatre there was "no doubt they would secure the names of several thousand of the 47,000," which was the number of names said to be contained in the book, the contents of which were alleged to have been supplied by German agents.

Sensational Incidents.

The trial was replete with sensational incidents. At one moment Billing conducted the examination of his own witnesses and violated all precedents of the usually dignified proceedings of English courtrooms by yelling at the top of his voice his questions at Mrs. Villiers Stuart, wife of an army officer, who was on the stand.

He was examining her as to certain names in the book it is alleged was compiled by German secret agents concerning the "47,000."

Levity and Sarcasm.

Justice Darling, against whose presiding at the trial Billing protested because of the atmosphere of levity and sarcasm which he claimed the justice frequently introduced into the cases which came before him, was for the moment unable to still the tumult.

Mrs. Stuart had testified she had been shown the book in 1915 by Neil Primrose, son of Lord Rosebery, and Major Evelyn Rothschild, both now dead. Billing referred to his allegation that Germans had compiled the list of men and women in social, political, financial and other circles.

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"It is," shouted the witness.

"Is Asquith's? Is Haldane's?" demanded Billing.

"It is. It is," shrieked the witness.

At this moment Justice Darling recovered control of the situation, ordered the witness out of the box, and insisted that Billing cease asking such questions.

They cannot be answered," Justice Darling said. "I have not the least objection to myself, but I am determined to protect other people who are absolutely defenceless."

Wrote the Article.

Capt. Harold Spencer, of the British Air Force, who wrote the article on which the libel is based, testified that he had been a captain in the International Gendarme of Albania, and also an aide-de-camp to the King of Albania, William of Wied, a German prince.

He testified that he had reported having discovered the book referred to in the article in Billing's paper on the 47,000 to Sir Eric Drummond, who was the principal private secretary to Mr. Balfour, Secretary for Foreign Affairs. He also testified that he had mentioned names and also reported certain letters he had seen in reference to the book.

Prince William of Wied, the book, which I saw in the palace," he said.

"There were a number of works on German intelligence there. The Prince personally showed it to me one day and explained it at some length."

In the book to which he referred,

the witness said there was a note after which the person could best be approached. The witness added he had reported on what he had seen in the book to Admiral Troubridge, and the information was passed on to the Admiralty Intelligence Department.

Justice Darling asked: "Did the Prince know this?"

Duty to Get Information.

To this the witness replied: "No. He was a German Prince and I knew Germany was planning to declare war. Every one knew it in the army and navy. I thought it my duty to get all the information home that I could."

When further examined, Spencer said that he was born in America and had not been naturalized in England. Spencer testified he had made notes from the book, but had left them at the American Embassy in London for safe custody, and that they would be produced if necessary.

When asked by Billing, "Do you stand by what you wrote in the article on the 47,000 as to cabinet Ministers, bankers, etc.," the witness replied, "I do, on oath."

Spencer further said he did not remember having seen Mr. Asquith's name in the book.

Marie Corelli's Letter.

Billing introduced in evidence a letter written by Marie Corelli on Feb. 10, 1918, which read as follows:

"Dear Mr. Billing, I think it would be well to secure a list of subscribers to this new upholding of the Wilde cult among the 47,000. Why private performance?—Marie Corelli."

Billing in outlining his defence at the opening session said his case was that of Maude Allan, in appearing in "Salome" was presenting a person whose name was used to appeal to such persons as he had described in referring to the book "Forty-seven Thousand."

He declared he would submit that Miss Allan was a minister of morals. He would call the names Lord Alfred Douglas, Arnold White, Sir Alfred Frippe, Bennett-Burleigh and a number of dramatic critics.

Refuting Statements.

At another part of the trial Justice Darling ruled that it was impossible to allow an individual to come forward to refute the statements made by the witnesses which really were not relevant to the issue before the court.

Mrs. George Keppel, who was present according to her counsel, to deny on oath that she had been in Holland since the outbreak of the war or had seen Dr. Richard von Kuhlmann, the German Foreign Minister, and other German statesmen, therefore left the court.

An attorney on behalf of the war office asked permission to submit the military history and medical records of Captain Harold Sherwin Spencer, who gave startling testimony when examined before the court. He said that these records would "show the true character of that witness." The judge also allowed this, as the doctors who signed the certificate are out of the country.

Edward Alfred Douglas, who said that he regretted having been associated with Oscar Wilde when the latter wrote "Salome," was the next witness. He said he considered the stage direction of Wilde's "Salome" as objectionable and disgusting. He said that the fact that such a play was produced and special prominence had been given to it, was an author was likely to appeal strongly to the immoral.

Asked whether he regretted having met Wilde, Mr. Douglas replied: "I do to my utmost intense honor. Wilde had a diabolical influence on people. He was the greatest force for evil that has appeared in Europe in the last three hundred years."

Well Dressed Witness.

A large proportion of the people who tried to get into the court during the trial were well dressed women. All the newspapers had given great space to the trial, notwithstanding the important war news.

Mr. Pemberton-Billing's closing argument was largely based on a plea that he was fighting German influence in England as a matter of public duty. He first came into the public eye two years ago, when the popular newspapers supported him as an independent candidate for the House of Commons on a platform of denouncing the government for alleged apathy toward the air service in the war. He previously had had an adventurous career, as a soldier in the Boer war, actor, airplane builder, company promoter and editor. His career as a free lance member of the House of Commons has been as breezy as his libel trial, involving many tilts with the speaker at Westminster.

His clashes with Judge Darling throughout the trial.

Canada Lutheran Synod in session at Elmira has resolved to join in the larger embracing 46 Lutheran Synods in Canada and the United States, having 3,500 pastors and about 1,300,000 confirmed members.

By a vote of 13 to 7 Montreal City Council rejected the appointment of Gaspard de Serres as City Treasurer, an appointment carrying with it the right to a seat on the City Administrative Commission.

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ean agitation," the newspaper proposes a friendly discussion with Russia with a view to making friendly relations with the Soviet government possible to remove as far as possible the military character of the administration in border states, and that a new imperial commission may introduce civil administration as well as to solve the question of popular administration and ascertain whether the landing really voices the opinion of the Russian people.

Turk Ambitions Attacked.

Amsterdam, June 7.—Turkish ambitions in the Black Sea Littoral and in the Caucasus are attacked by the Kreuze Zeitung, the German newspaper of Berlin. The newspaper points out that a union of Crimea with Turkey is quite impossible because it would injure the vital interests of Ukraine. The province of Taurida, of which Crimea is a part, belongs nationally and geographically to Ukraine, which also claims Sebastopol, it is said.

"Turkey's idea seems to be to gain a dominating position in the Black Sea, making the pan-Turkish idea paramount there," says the Kreuze Zeitung, "and to make the Caucasus a strong rampart between Turkey and Russia. Hence, German policy is confronted with difficult tasks. A certain antagonism between trans-Caucasia and Turkey already exists."

When Germany entered the war, she in nowise recognized Turkish aspirations in Persia. She guaranteed Turkey's present frontiers, and will continue to fight for them. Russia is, therefore, entitled to oppose Turkish desires in the northeast and east, which go far beyond any possibilities at the beginning of the war. The war must not leave antagonisms between Turkey and Russia. The supreme war aims must see that the new coalition which will be formed shall not be anti-German.

Herbert Bland of Toronto who was seriously injured at Chatham near his automobile turned turtle near Government Park, was reported to still be in an unconscious condition late yesterday.

At Montreal a coroner's jury found Nicholas Tomasso, who is missing, responsible for the death of Dominico Pietrantoni, murdered in broad day light on Sunday while crowds were passing his house.

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