

Our Motto: "Suum Cuique."



("To Every Man His Own.")

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GREECE

THERE can be no doubt that the invasion of Greece by the Bulgars was effected at the instance of the Teuton Alliance. This is proven by the fact that the Greeks abandoned their forts on the Struma without resistance. Just why this latest move was made is not yet sufficiently developed to state; but it appears as if the Bulgars anticipated an attack by the Allies from Salonika and may be seeking to divert it by directing a previous "drive" against Kavalla. It has been reported from Italian headquarters that such a move on the part of the Allies was in contemplation. Whatever the cause or the reason, Greece now finds itself in every sense between "the devil and the deep sea." The Greeks would just as like to see his satanic majesty installed in their Macedonian provinces as to see the Bulgars occupy them.

The King of Greece has been truckling to Wilhelm, his royal brother-in-law, for many moons; but he did not, we imagine, anticipate such an unexpected dedouement to his "negotiations." The Greek populace have now realized how the King has jeopardized their nation and their future. They will not submit to the new conditions unless (1) the Court and its entourage are able to dominate the situation, or (2) that they believe that the Allies are not sufficiently sincere in their Balkan campaign to make Greek resistance to Germany safe.

The unfortunate part of the development for the Greeks is the confessed bankruptcy of the Athens government; a condition which the administration makes no attempt to conceal. While a nation can manage to carry on a war without a war chest, it is difficult to start one. And the present time is not a favorable season for raising funds. The only possible salvation for the Greeks now is to cast in her lot with the Allies, and put up the best possible fight.

The only man within the borders of Greece at the moment is the ex-premier Venizelos; and he has already entered a spirited and bitter protest against the Bulgarian invasion. Though we call this a Bulgarian invasion it is so only in name, as the remnant of the Bulgarian army is now officered by Huns, and its movements are directed, not from Sofia, but from Berlin.

Months ago, The Paris—which voices the opinions of Venizelos—said:
 In order to secure Bulgar help, the Austro-Germans used the method of compensation; and the whole of Serbian Macedonia, a part of Old Serbia, an exit on the

Adriatic Sea, concessions at the expense of Turkey—all this was part of the national problem of the Bulgarians' lust of conquest. It was in this way that the Bulgarians undertook the assassin's job of striking Serbia from behind. In order to secure the neutrality of Greece, the Austro-Germans resorted to the Prussian methods of terrorism. Both methods have been equally successful.

Vainly at the time arose the foremost national and political leader of Greece (Venizelos) to preach the gospel of duty, of honor, and of the salvation of the fatherland. In vain he recalled to mind the Bulgarian hatred of Greece; in vain he declared that Serbia was the first object of the Bulgarian attack, and that Greece would be the next; in vain he proclaimed that, if the Bulgars and the Germans are to-day so lenient towards Greece, they are so simply because they want to crush each one of the Greco-Serbian alliance separately. So far as the aspirations of the national policy of Greece are concerned, these would be satisfied by Germany (we are told) which is willing to give us Albania, Monastir, Perlepe, Geveglia, Doiran, the twelve Aegean Islands (now held by Italy), as Germany (in its own interest) desires Greece to become a strong naval power in the Mediterranean in opposition to Italy.

"Well, what remains of all these claims? Why, Germany, the first moment that she does not need our neutrality, bluntly says that 'military considerations compel the invasion of Greek territory by the Bulgars.' The enemy, and such an enemy as the Bulgar is, threatens again those territories so dearly won by Greek blood. The moment is tragic, and we must respect it in a common rally for the common fatherland."

These words are truly prophetic; and we wonder what the outcome will be. Will Greece be wiped off the map as an independent nation, or will it become the vassal of a powerful suzerain?

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

By George B. Griffith

If you have a grey-haired mother In the old home far away,
 Sit down and write the letter You put off day by day.

If you have a tender message, Or a loving word to say,
 Don't wait till you forget it, But whisper it to-day.
 Who knows what bitter memories May haunt you if you wait?
 So make your loved ones happy Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken,
 The letter never sent,
 The long-forgotten messages,
 The wealth of love unspent,
 For these some hearts are breaking.

For these some loved ones wait—
 So show them that you cared for them
 Before it is too late.

CANNOT DISRUPT EMPIRE

Providence Journal—When will the German intriguers learn their lesson? When will they understand that they cannot disrupt the British Empire, or poison the mind of America or accomplish any other of their unholy schemes, even by the extravagant use of money and the enlistment of a

MR. A. E. HICKMAN ACQUITTED.

Tremendous Excitement--2,000 Citizens Gathered to Receive Him with Thunderous Cheers

The Most Exciting Trial Held for Twenty Years--The Crown Authorities Action Universally Condemned--Political Spite at the Bottom of the Whole Prosecution.

WHEN the Hickman trial opened Monday, public opinion had been trained by a clique of political bootlers, anti-prohibitionists, strongly against Albert Hickman, and three-fourths of the citizens had led themselves to believe that Roberts had suffered and was silent because he wished to shelter Mr. Hickman. Roberts' friends had insistently given out all sorts of stories about how Hickman treated Job Roberts; how he had promised to support Job's family in return for Job's silence; how documentary evidence existed that would send Hickman to jail.

Hickman had for four months been hounded and dragged before Courts and made a target for their jeers and scoffs, while everything possible to the debased and devilish appetite of brains steeped in hatred and acrimony was attempted, in order to bring ruin upon a man high up in the business of the Colony.

The outburst of pent up disgust for all concerned which burst forth last night as the sound of the words "NOT GUILTY" reached the packed audience in the Court Room, is without parallel in the record of our Courts. Had the Court officials not immediately acted, Hickman would have been taken bodily by the people present and carried out of the prisoner's box. The crowd rushed to reach his hand, and eventually he was carried out of the Court House in the arms of his friends. Cheers such as are only heard after the announcing of the result of a lively political fight rent the air, and could be heard half over the city.

Again and again the crowd of over 2000 men cheered as Mr. Hickman—the poor fisherman's son of Grand Bank who had raised himself by his own exertion and ability from the position of an office boy 20 years ago to that of the most successful fish exporter

host of reckless incendiaries, actual and figurative, in their service. The uprising in Dublin has hurt the cause of Irish liberty. It has injured the devoted friends of that cause—and the members of the Sinn Fein and Clan-na-Gael themselves who lent themselves to the senseless revolt. The people of Ireland as a whole are steadfast and incorruptible. They cannot be bought by German gold. They are not deceived by foreign conspirators, and they will not be persuaded to approve an enterprise which, having its foundations at Berlin, would if successful involve them in nothing but trouble and hardship.

The performance in the Casino Theatre to-night will be exceptionally good. The programme has been well selected and the opera "Agatha" will be a treat in itself. The C.C.C. Band will be present and will render charming selections. The proceeds are for the W.P.A. Red Cross Fund.

in the Colony—passed through the crowds on his way home.

For four months Hickman has been hounded by the authorities in a manner which showed their design, and knowing always that no 12 sensible jurors could convict Hickman on evidence such as they possessed; they went on and on, until last night's verdict and the outburst of the people's indignation hurled them into a position that few will envy them. This black intrigue to ruin an innocent man will not be passed over as lightly as some imagine. This trial is the beginning of the fight that will end in exposing rascality and boodling that will astound not only Newfoundland but Canada and America.

Do the political enemies of Hickman think that the people who are anxiously waiting a chance to hurl from power the present clique of pirates ruining the Colony, will be satisfied until the actions of certain of those pirates during the past seven years are as clearly revealed as the whole of Hickman's life was yesterday under the severest cross-examination that any man living at St. John's ever witnessed.

The Country will be surprised to learn that the defence in this trial only challenged five men, while it had the right to challenge 13. The Crown challenged quite a large number. The Jury was perhaps the most impartial lot of men selected for a Jury for the past 25 years.

Mr. Hickman's word was accepted because of the clear, distinct, outspoken manner in which his evidence was given. For two hours Howley cross-examined him in every mood that he could conceive. Not by one iota did he injure Hickman's evidence. When the evidence is published the people will be astounded by the manner in which Howley endeavored to fasten guilt some how upon

this persecuted man.

Job Roberts, who went to jail with the full sympathy of seven-eighths of St. John's citizens, has proved by his own evidence under oath in this Hickman trial, that he is one of the most contemptible scoundrels ever raised on Newfoundland soil. He confessed under oath to having lied again and again in connection with this case. He swore that he was told by Burgess at Smokey, all about the conspiracy and fraud. He was thought to have been innocent until dragged into the case by his brother Nathan's conduct, but from his own lips comes the confession under oath, that he knew all about the whole thing while at Labrador. His sentence was made light because of the Jury's recommendation for mercy; but there is no doubt to-day, about what mercy should be meted out to him. His conduct in the Hickman confession and that of his friends was construed by last night's verdict to be no better than an attempt at blackmail.

Job Roberts has been treated at the Penitentiary as a guest rather than a prisoner. Certain persons has visited him without restraint. Twice he has been allowed to go to his home; on Monday he spent an hour at his home. Some friends were with him as long as one hour at a time. A member of the Executive secured a number of permits from the Minister of Justice, enabling certain persons to have access at pleasure to Job Roberts at the Penitentiary.

The people have learnt all this, and the rejoicing over the verdict last night was the result of a realization of the depth to which men in our midst can go to ruin a man they well knew could not be found guilty of the crime they charged him with.

If Bishop's story about Western Bay was as much an open book as Hickman's life and business transactions were made yesterday by

Howley, we fear those concerned would not have as clean a record as the Jury gave Mr. Hickman last night. The people will be astonished to learn that Bishop, who kicked Sir Robert Bond into the sea at Western Bay, wrote a long letter to Mr. Coaker in the winter of 1915, which would make interesting reading if published. Some day the scene will change—then look out for smoke and fire. They have tried their all to ruin Hickman who we were convinced from the first was a persecuted man.

Hickman has now been declared to be absolutely clean and without stain by a Jury of his peers. The citizens of St. John's have acclaimed that verdict.

What can compensate Mr. Hickman for the injury done his business, for the insults hurled at his fair name, for the savage onslaught of Howley yesterday in cross-examination, for the suffering of four months entailed in having to face a public charged with a crime of such a nature.

The Grand Jury who brought in "no bill" against Mr. Hickman knew what they were doing. The last Grand Jury had no other alternative but to send Mr. Hickman for trial in view of the convict's confession. The trial was the surest means of proving Mr. Hickman's innocence.

Dr. Lloyd who undertook to defend Mr. Hickman with one week's notice and Mr. McNeily, Mr. Hickman's legal adviser, are to be congratulated on the manner in which the defence was presented to the Jury. They worked hard on the case the past week; it was prepared extremely well, and exceedingly thorough. Dr. Lloyd has not spared himself in getting a grip upon every fact and circumstance in connection with the case.

Dr. Lloyd's cross-examination of Roberts was that of an able legal mind, he has demonstrated his ability to cross-examine and

has shown that he has no superiors at the Bar to-day. His address to the Jury on behalf of Mr. Hickman occupied one hour and twenty minutes and was the most clearly, reasoned and logical exposition of a case that the Court has heard for many a year. There was no attempt made at oratory or emotionalism. The facts were dealt with more like a parliamentarian would handle a subject in Parliament; but every link was connected and the main points clearly defined. It was more like a Judge's charge to a Jury than the frothy appeals to Juries so often heard.

Dr. Lloyd has had three important cases so far before the Supreme Court and in each case he has won his case. His success as a lawyer is astonishing the people and the universal regret is, "What a pity he did not practice law 20 years ago when he became a solicitor instead of taking up journalism." Those who know Dr. Lloyd intimately know his sterling qualities, and there is no doubt about his ability. Well may he feel proud of his success during the past month.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

JUNE 7

LOSS of Petty Harbor bait-ship and five men, 1852.

Fire on Barter's Hill, four houses burnt, 1862.

John Dooley, shipwright, died, aged 68, 1868.

Rev. Canon Pilot ordained, 1868.

Patrick Kent, son of Thomas Kent, drowned at Sliding Rock, 1873.

First Home Rule Bill rejected, 1886.

Miss Kate Furlong (daughter of Hon. J. Furlong) died, 1868.

Heavy gale on Newfoundland and Labrador coasts; much damage, and many schooners wrecked, 1885.

Railroad engine and tender of passenger car derailed near Furniture Factory, 1893.

New Post Office opened, and first mail despatched therefrom, 1886.

Edwin Booth, actor, died, 1893.

Edmund Power died suddenly during service in St. Patrick's Church, 1896.

James Brewin, late of 6th Regiment, died, aged 77, 1896.

Robert H. Prowse married to Mrs. McLea at St. Andrew's Church, 1853.

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