

Copy of Correspondence Relative to the Safety of Austro-Hungarian Subjects.

February 14, 1916.
(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith Despatch No. 24, of the 13th January, from the Secretary of State, with copy of correspondence relating to the question of the safety of Austro-Hungarian subjects taking passage by the S.S. GOLCONDA. The reply by Sir Edward Grey is certainly interesting, and I shall be glad if you will publish the correspondence in the columns of your paper.

Yours truly,
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary

Newfoundland
No. 24.
Downing Street,
January 13, 1916.
Sir,—I have the honour to transmit to you for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of correspondence relating to the question of the safety of Austro-Hungarian subjects who are being repatriated from India in the steamship GOLCONDA.

I have, etc.,
(Sgd.) A. BONAR LAW,
Governor.

Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G.
The Foreign Office issue the following for publication:—
Correspondence with the Austro-Hungarian Government, through the intermediary of the United States Embassy, relating to the safety of Austro-Hungarian subjects who are being repatriated from India on the S.S. GOLCONDA.

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Copy
Vienna, Dec. 7, 1915.
With reference to the esteemed Note Verbal No. 3973, dated 27th ultimo, and in continuation of its Note Verbal No. 113613 of the same date in regard to the position made by the Rev. O. R. Handmann on behalf of the married men of B. Camp at Ahmednagar, relative to the repatriation of their wives and children, the I. and R. Ministry of Foreign Affairs would feel much obliged if the American Embassy in London could be requested to transmit the enclosed copy of the aforesaid petition to the British Government and to inform them that the I. and R. Government will hold them responsible for the lives and well-being of these passengers, the majority of whom are better class people—who are being forcibly repatriated in war time and against the will of their husbands and fathers.

Regarding Para. 7 of the petition, the Ministry would be greatly obliged if the American Embassy in London could also be asked to inquire from the British Government the names of the ports at which the steamer will call on her journey, and to instruct the American Consuls there to kindly assist the passengers in the best way possible as it will in all probability be forbidden them to land and to visit the American Consul.
To the American Embassy.
Copy. No. 3422.
To—The Consul for the United States of America, Bombay.

From—Rev. O. R. Handmann, Prisoner of War, B. Camp, Ahmednagar.
Sir,—As our wives and children are being repatriated within a very short time, we take the liberty to approach on their behalf, asking you to give your full assistance, in kind compliance with the following suggestions in our minds:

1. That suitable and sufficient accommodation in cabins be provided, including a sufficient number of stewards.
2. That a European doctor be in attendance during the whole voyage.
3. That proper attention be given to the question of food on board, with special regard to sick ladies and to children.
4. That all belligerent nations be duly and in time advised of the name.

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route and date of departure of the steamer.

5. That the steamer bear distinct signs denoting its purpose.

6. That everything be done to assure the safety of the passengers.

7. That in every port at which the steamer calls the American Consul be requested to come on board to enquire after the welfare of the passengers and to eventually redress any grievances.

8. That the passengers be allowed to despatch letters from the various ports.

9. That at the port of destination all necessary arrangements be made to receive the passengers and to assist them in their onward journey.

10. That the American Consul, Bombay, be advised by wire of the safe arrival of the steamer for our information.

We shall feel much obliged to you for giving your attention to the above the authorities concerned, and further we shall be thankful, if you would kindly come on board ship at the time of embarkation.

Thanking you in anticipation,
I have, etc.,
(Sgd.) O. R. HANDMANN, on behalf of married men, B. Camp, Ahmednagar, 1st. September 1915.
Ser.—C. 1336.

Copy.
No. 1943/P.
Immediate.
Your Excellency.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Note of the 3rd. instant, transmitting a Note Verbal of the 7th. December 1915 from the Austro-Hungarian Government. With the Note is enclosed a petition from an Austro-Hungarian subject now on his way as a prisoner-of-war from India to the country in the S. S. GOLCONDA due here in a few days time. Some of the requests in the Petition would have received favourable consideration had it reached His Majesty's Government in time and some of them have no doubt been conceded as a matter of course.

With regard to that portion of the petition which asks that special precautions may be taken to prevent danger to the lives of the GOLCONDA passengers by submarine attack, I feel bound to express my astonishment that the Austro-Hungarian Government themselves, one of the authors of the danger, should have thought it seemly to endorse this request. Not content, however, with doing this, the Austro-Hungarian Government further state that they will hold His Majesty's Government responsible for the lives and well-being of those passengers, "the majority of whom are better class people." I am at a loss to know why "better-class people" should be thought more entitled to protection from submarine attack than any other non-combatants, but, however, that may be, the only danger of the character indicated, which threatens any of the passengers on the GOLCONDA is one for which the Austro-Hungarian and German Governments are also responsible. It is they and they only who have instituted and carry on a novel and inhuman form of warfare, which disregards all the hitherto accepted principles of international law and necessarily endangers the lives of non-combatants. By asking for special precautions to protect one of their own subjects on board a British merchant vessel, the Austro-Hungarian Government recognize what is the inevitable consequence of their submarine policy and admit that the outrages by which the Lusitania, the Persia, and numbers of other ships have been sunk without warning, were not the result of the casual brutalities of the officers of enemy submarines, but part of the settled and premeditated policy of the Governments whom they serve.

It is needless to add that His Majesty's Government do not propose to take any precautions on behalf of Austro-Hungarian subjects which they do not take on behalf of their own, and that if they suffer any injury from submarine attack on the part of His Majesty's enemies, the responsibility must rest solely with those who have made such attacks part of their ordinary methods of warfare. The proper and sufficient protection from this danger is that Austro-Hungary and Germany should observe ordinary rules of humanity in their methods of warfare.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,
Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,
E. GREY.

C.L.B. GRAND DANCE in the C.C.C. New Dance Hall, on TUESDAY, Feb. 16. Music by the Battalion Band. Dancing 8.45. Tickets—Gen's, 80c.; Lady's, 60c. on sale at Gus Wadden's, Alan Goodridge & Sons, The Armoury, and James Baird, Ltd. R. G. ASH, Chairman; W. R. MOTT, Secretary.—Feb 15, 11

Thursday Night's Hockey Games

On Thursday night at the Prince's Rink another series of hockey games will be run off, and by attending those who for any reason have not gone to the front, may assist the men who have, as the proceeds will be donated to the W. P. A. for the providing of comforts for our Soldiers and Sailors. The opening game will be followed by a contest in which the veterans of the East and West Ends will compete. The latter hope to turn the tables this time and a great exhibition is assured, as their opponents are equally bent on success. The line-up will be:

East	goal	West
Hearn	point	Duff
N. Vinnicombe	cover	A. Hayward
G. Herder	cover	Hutchings
Marshall	cover	Dickinson
W. J. Higgins	left	James
Simms	right	W. Herder
J. Vinnicombe	centre	Tessier

Teas will be served during the evening by Mrs. Jno. Harvey and other ladies of the W. P. A. who are prepared to cater to those, no matter how large the number, who may visit their tables.

Many a man burns his bridges behind him without carrying any fire insurance.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL.

The attendances at the Nickel Theatre, yesterday afternoon and last evening, were large and all were highly delighted with the pictures. The wonderful "Who Pays" was even more interesting than in the past, the acting of Ruth Roland being particularly good; Henry King, who plays with her, was also in fine form. "The Goddess" was very popular again. This has well earned the name of being the most beautiful of all the serials. The comedy was a very funny one. This evening the programme will be repeated. To-morrow the best holiday bill for the season will be presented. The doors will open at 2 o'clock and all lovers of the movies should attend.

THE CRESCENT.

The Crescent Picture Palace is putting on a big holiday programme to-morrow, a three-reel Broadway star feature: "The Way of the Transgressor." A stirring war drama of heroic love is "The Corporal's Daughter" with winsome Gladys Hallette, and a very funny comedy. Two full shows Wednesday afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock, and two shows in the evening commencing at 7.15 o'clock. Yesterday's big show is being repeated to-day. Don't miss seeing the "Selig News Pictorial," a reel of interesting world happenings, including a war picture of Serbs holding trenches under Austrian fire, a great Essanay feature in two reels "Above the Abyss" and other pictures.

Mechanics' Nominate Officers

The Mechanics' Society held its regular meeting last night, a large number of members being present. After the adoption of the Treasurer's report which showed this institution to be free from all debt, the following officers were nominated for the ensuing year:
President—Mr. M. A. Colbert.
Vice-Pres.—F. Gushue.
1st. Asst. V.P.—A. H. O'Keefe.
2nd. Asst. V.P.—John Preston.
1st. Treasurer—M. W. Myrick.
2nd. Treasurer—Thos. Dunn.
3rd. Treasurer—Wm. MacKay.
Secretary—Jas. A. Leahy.
Grand Marshal—F. Stapleton.
Mr. John Scott who has been President for the past five years declined re-nomination. The election of officers takes place on March 3rd.

MEIGLE MAKES LOUISBURG

The S.S. Meigle, owing to heavy ice, could not reach Sydney and arrived at Louisburg yesterday afternoon. Capt. Parsons wired that the ship met with very stormy weather on the run from Placentia with intense frost. The Meigle will take coal at Louisburg for Placentia.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Yesterday forenoon the Magisterial Enquiry into the Thompson fire was concluded before F. J. Morris, K.C. The accused who was released on bail was committed for trial to the Supreme Court.

LOCAL ITEMS

Most of the sealing steamers are now being made ready for the sealing voyage and all are getting their wireless equipment installed. Most of the fleet will go to the front.

All over the city yesterday, owing to the intense frost there were many water pipes frozen, owing the intense frost of the past few nights and days and plumbers are kept busy as a result.

The banker Metamora, Capt. John Lewis, is now being made ready for the fishing voyage and should get away the latter part of the week. It is likely she will take frozen herring from this port for bait.

The barqtn. Minnie left here this morning towed by the Ingraham on her way to Brazil. Owing however, to the presence of so much slob ice outside the vessel could not proceed and was towed back again to port.

Last evening a resident of Flower's Hill became drunk on Water Street West and acted in a very disorderly manner. Officer Kelly arrested him and he resisted so violently that he had to be handcuffed. Mr. Hutchings, K.C. to-day fined him \$2 or 7 days.

There will be some interesting hockey played to-night in the C. C. C. Armoury. Teams commanded by A. Lacey and J. Murphy will contest and the hockey and basket ball teams being well matched will give interesting exhibitions during the season.

It is not at all unlikely that when next the St. Bon's team play in the League Hockey matches there will be a considerable change in the line up. Capt. Higgins, it is not likely can play owing to his recent accident, and it is possible that Hearn will replace Power in goal.

To-day, a steamer has been signalled all the forenoon. A ship is now about 20 miles due east of this port making her way along, but there is an ocean filled with very heavy slob ice and she is necessarily making slow progress. It is believed to be the S.S. Damore, now some 15 days from Liverpool to this port.

MUST GO TO LOUISBURG

Last night word was had that the S.S. Floriz was a few miles off Low Point in heavy ice and would likely run to Louisburg to load coal for St. John's.

ARTIC WEATHER PREVAILS

It was again intensely cold across country last night with the glass registering 20 below zero at Quarry. It was five below at Quarry and Humbornmouth, and at Bishop's Falls it was 30 and 33 this morning with indications that it would be colder. This place like Conn River is one of the coldest spots in the island. Messages received here yesterday stated that at 5.30 a.m. on Sunday the thermometer registered 50 below zero at the Falls which would be by far the lowest on record. It registered 44 below at Bishop's Falls on Feb. 12th, 1903.

CABOT STRAITS ICE BLOCKED

Messages from the Kyle and Meigle, as well as from private sources, received yesterday stated that Cabot Strait was filled with heavy Gulf ice, so that shipping could not make or leave Sydney Harbor. It is likely traffic will be closed as far as Sydney is concerned for some time to come, and that Louisburg will be availed of for the handling of freight and passengers.

IN AID OF W.P.A.

VETERAN and LADIES' HOCKEY MATCHES IN AID OF THE W.P.A. PRINCE'S RINK Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 7.30.

NOTICE

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Victorias Defeat the Feildians

VICTORIAS WIN.
Last night's hockey game between the Victorias and Feildians was one of the best for the season and resulted in a win for the former by a score of 4 goals to 3. Play was fast all through, and clean, those penalized being sent off for minor offences. A feature of the game was the goal tending by Hunt and Strang both of whom gave a splendid exhibition. Brien played well for the Vics and Rendell for his first appearance in the game this season, got in some fine work. Messrs. C. Ellis and J. McKenzie were timekeepers, Mr. G. Herder referee and the players were:

Feildians	goal	Victorias
Strang	point	Hunt
Rendell	cover	Ford
Bennett	cover	Loak
Pearce	cover	Coultas
Winter	centre	Red
White	right	Brien
Bugden	left	King

The list of goals and penalties follows.

FIRST HALF Goals.

1. Ford, (V.)—4 mins.
2. Rendell, (F.)—16 mins.
3. Brien, (V.)—23 mins.
4. King, (V.)—26 mins.
5. White, (F.)—29½ mins.

Penalties.

1. Brien, (V.)—2 mins.
2. Bugden, (F.)—2 mins.
3. Coultas, (V.)—3 mins.
4. King, (V.)—3 mins.
5. Pearce, (F.)—3 mins.

SECOND HALF Goals.

1. Ford, (V.)—5 mins.
2. Bennett, (F.)—26 mins.

Penalties.

1. Bennett, (F.)—2 mins.

SHIPPING

The S.S. Viking hauled over to this side from the South Side to-day to get ready for the seal fishery.

The S.S. Laxy Sybil, Capt. Marshall has arrived at Alicante after a very good run, fish laden from this port.

The S.S. Kyle which left Port aux Basques yesterday morning for Sydney was five miles N. E. of Scatterie last evening in a tight jam and she also will go to Louisburg.

The S.S. Loch Tay is now receiving part of the bunker coal she requires from the cargo of the schr. Eddie Thierault, and the Cabot will also contribute to the 400 tons the ship requires. She should get away to-night for New York.

JURY FINDS TRUE BILL

In the matter of the Roberts' barratry case the Grand Jury yesterday afternoon, after some hours deliberation, found a True Bill against the accused.

THE GRECIANA DISABLED

Yesterday the Furness Withy Co. were advised that the Greciana was reported 140 miles West of the Fastnet Rock with her steering gear disabled. The ship was coming this way with a large cargo, having left Glasgow quite recently, and she will now be indefinitely delayed on the other side.

The Lantern Exhibition to be given to-night in the Presbyterian Hall will be of a patriotic nature and will no doubt draw a large audience. It will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and splendid pictures of our Regiment will be shown, as well as of Lieut. Donnelly, Sgt. Greene, Pte. Hynes and Reservist Greene. All who attend will spend a most enjoyable evening.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

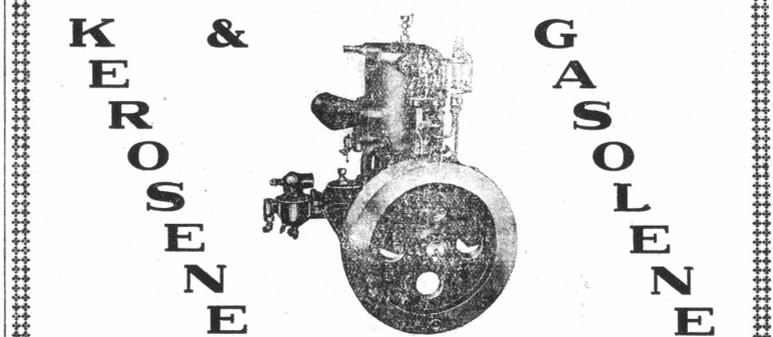
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