

## CAN HANG KAISER IF HE IS CAPTURED

Verdict of Murder Reached  
Means Condemnation

WHY HE IS NOT IMMUNE

Jurisdiction of a Nation Within Its  
Own Territory Absolute—Found  
Guilty in Two Cases

On two occasions recently, says a London cable to the Toronto Mail and Empire, a coroner's jury has returned a verdict of "murder" against the Kaiser; the first verdict of this description was returned at Queensdown in respect of a person drowned by the sinking of the Lusitania; the second at Ramsgate in respect of a person who was killed in the Zeppelin raid. Are these verdicts merely empty words, mere expressions of condemnation of infamous acts, or may they be followed by the usual consequences of such findings by a coroner's jury?

A writer in the Liverpool Post discusses this question, which is, he says, "of more than academic interest, for if the verdicts are not nullities it would be the duty of the police authorities to bring the Kaiser before a criminal tribunal to be tried for the alleged murders should he ever come within the jurisdiction of the British courts."

The various coroners who have presided over the inquests on the Kaiser's victims have differed as to the utility of a verdict of "murder." In most cases the jury had been told when it has expressed its desire to return a verdict of murder that such a verdict would be meaningless, for effect could not be given to it. On this point the law expert says:

"If a coroner in so directing the jury meant that the actual perpetrator of the outrage could not be caught or that if caught he would be protected by the laws of war, his direction might be justified, though the latter point is open to question; but if he meant that the arch-criminal could in no circumstances be brought to trial he was only right if the Kaiser as a reigning sovereign is above all law and not amenable to the jurisdiction of the courts of any country."

In elucidating this last point the writer says: "It is a fundamental principle of jurisprudence that the jurisdiction of a nation within its own territory is exclusive and absolute, and is susceptible of no limitations not imposed by itself. All nations, however, have imposed a limitation on themselves in regard to the reigning sovereigns of other nations, and, generally speaking, a sovereign, by entering the territory of a foreign nation, does not become subject to its jurisdiction; he is as much above the law of the foreign nation as he is above that of his own. There is absolutely no doubt that this is so. If he enters the foreign territory with the knowledge and license of the sovereign of that territory, the reason for the immunity being that, in accepting the license, he cannot be understood to subject himself to a jurisdiction incompatible with his own dignity, or that of his nation."

"It is also suggested by writers on international law that the limitation applies even in the case of a sovereign who enters foreign territory surreptitiously, but this point has never been decided by the courts of this or of any other country. If the limitation applies in such circumstances it must be based on the assumption that all sovereigns implicitly engage not to avail themselves of a power over their equal which a confidence in their magnanimity had placed in their hands."

"If the terms of the limitation and the reasons for it are examined, it will be seen that it applies only to a reigning

sovereign, and only to one who enters foreign territory of his own accord and under circumstances which entitle him to rely on the magnanimity of the foreign sovereign, and there is no ground for saying that it extends beyond this."

It is then argued that if the Kaiser came as a fugitive to this country there is little doubt that he could be made to stand his trial. If he should come as a prisoner, different considerations arise. If it were stipulated in the terms of surrender that he should receive honorable treatment, then the jurisdiction of the English courts would undoubtedly be ousted. If the Kaiser should be taken vi et armis or should be driven from his country and captured a wanderer, the writer of the article does not hesitate to affirm that then, if he were brought before a criminal tribunal of this country, his plea of royal dignity would avail him nothing, but he would be tried and if found guilty would be sentenced to death by hanging. The writer concludes: "Whether the government would put him upon his trial and whether in fact

he is guilty are other questions. But surely it is the duty of coroners' juries to return verdicts in accordance with the facts before them. If the evidence shows that a person ultimately responsible for the British flag has lost his life by an act of violence and that act is not an act of war, the person ultimately responsible for that act is guilty of murder. It would be well if through the American Embassy the German government were informed of these verdicts and told that unless it desists from waging war in a manner incompatible with the usage of civilization, the Kaiser, if taken, will be put upon his trial, and if found guilty put to a felon's death."

**MEN WILL BE WELCOMED TO  
SOLDIERS' COMFORT ASSOCIATION**

The first general meeting of the Soldiers' Comfort Association, with representatives from the West St. John branch, was held yesterday afternoon in Centenary church parlors, Mrs. Geo. McAvity presiding.

The report of the secretary, Miss Maud McLean, showed an encouraging start. Mrs. E. E. Church, the treasurer, reported cash contributions of \$84.65. It was decided that men would be eligible for membership on the payment of an annual fee of twenty-five cents. Fifty-four new members joined the Soldiers' Comfort Association in West St. John at their meeting last evening. Contributions of cash, \$15; tobacco at \$15, chocolate, soap and stationery were acknowledged. Future meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings.

### RECENT WEDDINGS

The marriage of Miss Kathleen Foley, formerly of St. John, to John Simmons of Rosedale, was solemnized with nuptial mass in St. Peter's church, Dorchester, on last Thursday. Miss Maud Foley was maid of honor; Miss A. Simmons, bridesmaid; Dorothy Reed, flower girl and William Reed was groomsmen. The guests included several from New York and St. John.

The wedding of Edwin Herman Belva and Miss Hattie Pearl Watson took place last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Watson, Durham street, Rev. D. Hutchinson officiating. After a wedding trip they will reside in Adelaide street.

Arthur Earle Cox was united in marriage to Miss Anna Beatrice, daughter of Mrs. W. A. McGinley, at her mother's home in Mecklenburg street, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. Victor Jarvis officiating. The bride was given away by her brother, A. E. McGinley, was attended by Miss Gertrude E. McGinley as maid of honor. On their return from a wedding trip to P. E. Island they will reside at 76 Mecklenburg street.

The wedding of Silas H. Fowler of Young's Cove, N. B., to Miss Elsie M. Reese, daughter of Wellington Reese, Cumberland Point, took place last evening at the home of Rev. Dr. W. E. McIntyre, who officiated. They will make their home at Young's Cove.

Miss Mabel J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mawhinney and David Benson Young, attorney, of Danvers, Mass., were united in marriage by Rev. J. D. Wetmore at Chance Harbor yesterday. After a visit to Mr. Young's old home in Newport, Me., they will reside in Dan-




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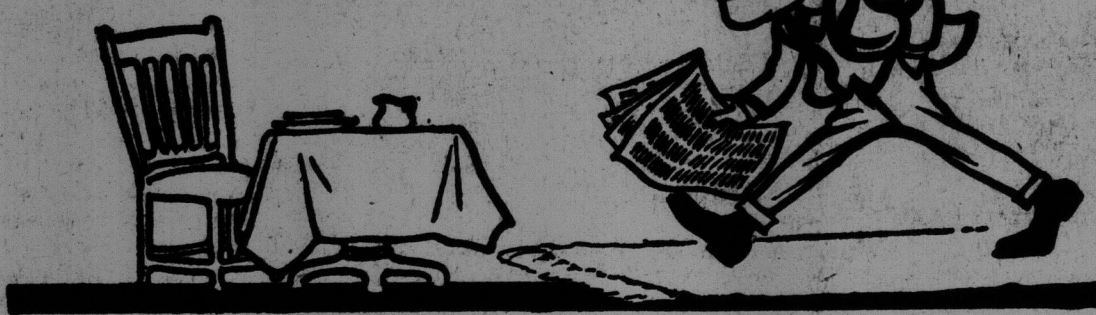
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## FROM THE BEDSIDE OF KING OF GREECE

German Specialist Denies That  
Monarch Was Either Poisoned  
or Wounded

Amsterdam, June 23.—Professor Friedrich Kraus, a Berlin specialist, who has returned home from the sick bed of the King of Greece, gave the following interview to the Vossische Zeitung:—"King Constantine was neither poisoned nor wounded but suffered from a natural illness. The first symptoms were those of influenza, but the Greek doctors very soon diagnosed the case as one of pleurisy. The discharge from the pleura was extremely purulent."

"Owing to the general weakness of the patient, the Greek surgeon in attendance could not perform the operation of rib resection but made only an incision in the chest. After this operation the King had a serious attack of weakness."

Dr. Kraus and Dr. Eiselsberg, of Vienna, remained with the King seventeen days. They found his condition better, but the opening was too small. His heart also was displaced. As the patient's condition improved the surgeons recommended resection of the rib. Accordingly a piece of rib was removed and an extensive opening made for drainage.

The King bore the operation well, according to Dr. Kraus, and later smoked some cigarettes. This was followed by a high fever and an irritation of the kidneys and intestines, but the condition of the heart and lungs improved. The high fever lasted only two days. Then the temperature of the King became almost normal. The intestinal trouble alone proved obstinate.

The King was not yet out of danger when Dr. Kraus left, as his heart, owing to its displacement, was still weak and irregular. Dr. Kraus said, however, that both he and Dr. Eiselsberg were of the opinion that with careful treatment and nursing the King would recover.

### ENJOYED RIVER TRIP

A trip up the St. John river to Bellefleur and return was an enjoyable feature of yesterday's sessions of the convention of Domestic, Sanitary and Heating Engineers. The sail gave delight to the local members, visiting delegates and lady friends, as well as to many guests, including the city commissioners, members of the board of health, representatives of various supply houses, and Mayor Frank, President E. H. Russell and G. S. Dorman. The return to the city was made about eight o'clock.

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## WINNIPEG TO HAVE A PATRIOTIC WEEK

Will Take the Place of the Yearly  
Exhibition—July 1 to 10 The  
Time

To replace the Winnipeg annual exhibition this year the enterprising citizens of Winnipeg have organized a great national Patriotic Week. A central committee has been organized representing thirty business professional and athletic organizations.

The purpose is purely patriotic. It is not a profit-sharing undertaking by any means, as the total net proceeds of all events to be held during Patriotic Week will go to the Red Cross Society and Patriotic Fund to help the sick and wounded at the front, and to care for the soldiers' dependents left behind.

The opening will be on Dominion Day July 1—when a great patriotic Dominion Day parade will be held. There are enough entries in two weeks in advance to make this great parade two miles long. The week's programme is made up of special events such as a horse show, pony show and grinnings, military features, first aid competitions, water carnivals (in which there are sixty events alone including boat racing, yacht racing, canoe racing, and swimming demonstrations). In front of the big Grand Stand there will be special platform attractions every afternoon evening.

There will be two days given up to automobile and motor cycle racing. The

chief sporting event will be the Dominion track and field sports. The Boy Scouts, the Highland Cadets, the Army and Navy Veterans all will take part. The Winnipeg Driving Company have undertaken the carrying out of a big race programme. Among the sports will be basketball, baseball, football, tennis, lawn bowling and a score of other events.

The city has granted a civic half-holiday on Wednesday, July 7. In order to secure the greatest possible financial results the committee in charge have made a canvass of the business firms of the city and have raised a foundation fund to pay all overhead costs of the patriotic week—the estimated financial requirements of which amount to in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

A big feature in the ten day programme will be a ladies' day, when the whole grounds, covering an area of forty-eight acres will be turned over to the women of Winnipeg. The Red Cross will benefit largely by the carrying out of this plan. There will be women ticket sellers, women to police the grounds, women to look after all refreshments, women ushers and women reporters, all working in the interest of raising the greatest possible for the Red Cross Society.

**Inspected New Industry**  
Many citizens visited the St. John Milling Company's new flour mill in West St. John yesterday and watched the process of making "La-Tour" flour from Manitoba whole wheat. Bread and rolls made from the flour were served and the quality elicited many favorable comments.

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