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**Behind the Scenes  
In the Dual Empire**

General Public of Vienna Pays Little Attention to Campaign—Hungary is Interested—Work on the Land Largely Carried on by Women and Children

Americans who have recently traveled through Austria-Hungary say they have been much impressed with the difference in the attitude of the people in the two countries toward the war. In Austria life goes on very much as usual, and the general public apparently pay little attention to the progress of the campaigns. In Hungary, on the other hand, everybody seems keenly interested, far more people are reading the newspapers and the war bulletins are eagerly scanned and discussed.

Except in the country between Innsbruck and the Swiss frontier, north of the Italian war zone, railway traveling is not difficult in Austria. But there all the express trains have been taken off and passengers are closely scrutinized. Persons leaving Austria, natives as well as neutrals are held up on the Swiss frontier for a period varying from a week to 20 days and compelled to pay their own hotel expenses. The object of this measure presumably is that they should not bring out any fresh news of what is going on. Austrians and Hungarians are specially directed not to give any information regarding the affairs in the monarchy, and warned that if they are found to have done so they will be severely punished when they come back.

With the help of women and children the work on the land seems to be carried on pretty well, and every bit of ground is carefully cultivated. But the industrial situation is less favorable. Except in those factories engaged in making munitions trade seems bad.

Foreigners are amazed to see how few newspapers the Viennese read and they buy still less, preferring to read them in the cafes. Papers are not allowed to be sold in the streets but only by tobacconists and news agents, and it is said that fewer papers are sold in Vienna, proportionately to the population, than in any capital in Europe.

The Viennese are as friendly as ever to foreigners. The police do not trouble them and it is not even necessary to produce a passport for a short visit. Many French citizens have remained in Vienna and can talk in their own language on the streets unmolested. The Viennese shows no great hatred for any of their enemies except the Italians, against whom they are fearfully bitter.

**German Trade With Balkans**  
In Budapest, the war seems much more in evidence. There are more military trains carrying troops against the Russians and large numbers of German soldiers are going down to the Orient. Then there are great consignments of grain and petroleum and other products passing through Hungary from Roumania to Germany.

This last is a very significant indication of the new political and economic developments going on between the Central Powers and the Balkans. The war has brought these countries much closer together, having shown Germany and Austria-Hungary how absolutely essential it is to maintain open communication through the Balkans with Turkey and the near East. Important conferences have been held lately in Budapest, Vienna, Munich and other German cities, with regard to improving and developing the Danube navigation and constructing canal communications between that river and the principal rivers in Germany.

But while participating in these meetings both Austria and Hungary are secretly greatly concerned at Germany's intense interest in the subject, dreading to see her commercial activities in the Balkans strengthened by such improved communications. In business competition the Austrians and Hungarians are no match for the Germans, who have in recent years greatly extended their trade with the Balkan countries, which was formerly largely in the hands of the merchants of Vienna and Budapest.

Every man admires a good cook and would marry one if it were not that he is usually too busy courting some fluffily helpless thing with a pair of eyes and one brain cell.

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**Probable Defence  
of Ex-Ministers**

If Conspiracy Was Practised, Horwood and Kelly Were Alone Guilty—Line Taken by Counsel—Crown Contends That Fraud so Protracted Was Known to the Accused

WINNIPEG, Aug. 7.—All the red fire was absent from the trial of the ex-Ministers to-day, and there were no clashes among the lawyers. Horwood continued on the stand, and at the close it was announced that a considerable portion of next week will be consumed by cross-examination of the same witness.

The foreman of the jury requested the court to reconsider his decision and sit each Saturday, as the members were anxious to get home, and Judge Prendergast promised to comply.

Lively comment pervaded the courtroom when it was mentioned that the Agricultural College Investigation will start next Wednesday.

Horwood's time was occupied by examining letters, documents and blue prints most of the day. It is said the first suggestion of the character of the defence is to be discerned in today's proceedings, and that it will be that, if there was a conspiracy to defraud and any fraud practised, it was a matter between Horwood and Kelly, and that the Government was deliberately deceived. It has always been contended that Contractor Kelly and the ex-Ministers' relations would necessarily divide early in the trial of these three defendants. No direct evidence suggesting this line of defence was offered, but merely inferred from the general tone of the questions and documents submitted.

The witness was carried over a large quantity of data up to the stage where he claims the dishonest features were ejected. Until that point he admitted on presentation of various documents, that every move was made by himself and the Ministers to secure a good building and make every dollar pay for

itself. This phase of the case was fastened specifically in the minds of the jury, especially those copies of instructions from the Ministers to Horwood, as supervising architect, that he must secure and act upon the best possible technical advice and exercise care and economy in the great work, the contention obviously being that, at the point where Horwood says the scheme to obtain the campaign fund introduced fraud, the deception of the Ministers was begun and that after that Kelly and Horwood alone were responsible for what happened.

This has always been the contention of the friends of the accused, but denied by the Crown on the theory that such a colossal and so protracted a fraud could not have been perpetrated without the guilty knowledge of the accused.

**Wants to Explore  
in Aeroplane**

Australia Refused to Allow Possible Agitation of Darkest Africa

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 3.—Dr. Eric Mjoberg, a Swedish scientist and airman, has requested permission of the Commonwealth authorities to use an aeroplane in exploring the interior of Papua or British New Guinea, some parts of which have never been seen by a white man, but the Australian authorities have refused to sanction his project for fear of trouble with the natives. The English police are already hunting down some natives who recently killed one of their men with poisoned arrows, and although the natives are not feared for their fighting strength, the authorities are opposed to any unnecessary intrusion into their territory.

An explorer who recently headed an expedition from the Dahiti River had an unusual experience, every move was made by himself and he said, "they stood and gazed at me, and in less than two minutes

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