



Evening Telegram

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Germany's Plot.

Germany is playing sad havoc with history and historical associations. For two years the civilized world has been insulted the ancient Hun by applying his name to his twentieth century descendant, to whom it is an undesired compliment. Now it looks as if Machiavelli must be dispossessed of his title, and his name, a convenient symbol of all that is dark and devious and treacherous, pale into insignificance beside that of his modern rival. But what a change from "Machiavellian" to "German"! There was at least an atmosphere of poetry and romance about the polished and courtly old Italian, whom we admired while we execrated him; there is nothing but bestiality to be associated with his slobbering, beer-drinking imitator, who surpasses him in treachery and falsehood, and is a baby beside him in wit. No, we will leave Machiavelli alone, and Germany too. He gloried in being a knave; he was never a fool. She vies with herself in being both.

Where, outside of Germany, could the plot have been hatched of seeking to range Japan and Mexico in alliance against America and Britain? We can believe that it was hatched there in all seriousness. The minds that counted upon the defection of Canada and the other colonies, South Africa and Ireland would count upon anything. The States had for years had friction with Japan over the immigration question, and a certain naval rivalry, while she had almost open war with powerful and cultured Mexico—these facts were quite enough. But the splendid conspiracy was only to be put into operation if America obstinately refused to maintain her neutrality and to permit Germany to continue to promote the "honoured and friendly" relations she so patently desired.

It is unfortunate that the news service does not yet allow us to catch a few indications of the storm that must be raging in the United States. Americans will take this lying down it will be as well to cease concerning ourselves about them and to turn our attention to the Ancho, where really important things are happening. But the thought is impossible. Even the most spineless and pacific nations will feel some indignation against the power which planned to sink their ships and keep peace with them, and failing that to maintain their neutrality. However futile in fact, which would stab them in the back. What the feeling must be among the better sort of Americans we can only imagine. From the fact that President Wilson has chosen this moment to divulge the secret which he has known since relations were broken off, it may be deduced that he considers the Laconia incident to constitute the "overt act." This is the important feature of it all. Americans will now go to war, with their warlike feelings not exactly diminished by this latest revelation of the nature of the enemy they have to fight.

Music's Charms.

What a medley of voices one hears in church! and yet what an inspiration there is in a great congregation uniting in praise! All lesser sounds are lost in the great chorus. The music may be good, mediocre or bad, but the human voices glorify it. And what a variety of voices! The man with the deep, hoarse voice, and the woman with the creak-craw twirl; the sweet voices of the young girls, and the husky notes of the 15-year-old boy; the steady bass of the father and the angelic note of the mother; the lost voice of the man without an ear who sings the Doxology; others are singing God Save the King. What's it all about? you say. Why, come to Gower St. Church to-night at 8 o'clock and you'll hear all that. You can't spend a more pleasant hour. Please assist the ushers by coming early, thus avoiding the rush.

Here and There.

SEALING NOTES.—Capt. Bartlett, who commands the sealer Vindex, this spring, reached the city last night from Brigus, accompanied by a large number of his crew. The sealer will sign on to-day and to-morrow at the ship leaves on Saturday, March 3rd, for Channel, where she will clear for the icefields. We have been informed that the owners have definitely decided to send the Seal and Sable Island to the ice this year.

Report of Grand Jury

To Their Lordships Hon. Sir W. H. Horwood, Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Johnson and Mr. Justice Kent, of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

May it Please Your Lordships:—In accordance with your Lordships' direction, the Grand Jury visited H. M. Penitentiary on Friday, February 16th, and made a general inspection of the Institution, and beg to say for your Lordships' information that the visit was quite unexpected. We found everything clean and tidy, perfect order and well regulated.

From the prison records we find that for the year ending December 31st, 1916, the total number of prisoners committed was, viz.:—

Men	170
Women	17
Juveniles	39
Total	226
From January 1st to the present year up to February 16th (the date of our inspection) the number of prisoners committed was, viz.:—	
Men	11
Women	1
Juveniles	8
Total	20

The number of prisoners confined in the Penitentiary on the date of our inspection, February 16th, was, viz.:—

Men	38
Women	8
Juveniles	9
Total	55

Superintendent Parsons gave the jury every assistance and supplied quite a lot of valuable statistics and generally explained the working, we therefore take pleasure in reporting favourably on the management of this Institution.

For the past six years the average number of juveniles confined in the Penitentiary has been 25 and we would strongly recommend to your Lordships the absolute necessity for a Reformatory for juveniles. The first thing we noticed upon entering the prison was several youthful offenders, one of whom was sentenced in St. John's for thirty days imprisonment.

We might here draw your Lordships' attention to the fact that there is a common jail at Trinity, a distance of not more than thirty miles, and we fail to see the advisability of sending this boy to St. John's to serve such a short period.

May we also draw to your Lordships' attention an item which in "The Evening Telegram" of January 15th last, and which naturally appeals to us as citizens, viz.:—

"There appeared before Judge Morris, three lads ranging from ten to fifteen years, for larceny. He, Judge Morris, criticised the parents of youthful offenders for their dereliction of duty and added that in future he was going to send boys tender years to the common jail, as it was the duty of the State and of citizenship alike to find some place of correction where they could be sent."

Many important utterances made from time to time in the various reports of the Grand Jury have been simply written, delivered and apparently forgotten, but we, the Grand Jury, to-day assembled, recognize that in the future this Newfoundland of ours must necessarily be manned by the youth of to-day, particularly and sincerely ask your Lordships to convey these our sentiments to the Government, and urge upon them the necessity for immediate action.

We contravene the desirability of this scheme, but prefer to merely make suggestion, feeling sure that such a serious matter as confronts this country only needs to be brought before the proper authorities.

The Grand Jury also visited the Poor House the same morning and found Mr. Pridoux doing all that was possible under present conditions. The Institution was clean and tidy and the inmates looked well cared for.

We found the Institution to contain 83 males and 51 females, with 14 attendants—10 girls and 4 men. It seems useless for us to make any particular recommendations as to existing conditions. When Mr. Pridoux was asked had he anything to suggest, he said, "a new Poor House is what is needed," and we entirely agree with him.

We would like further to add in connection with the Institution that additional male help be given the Superintendent, as the staff is not sufficient to give entire satisfaction. We also recommend a further supply of single beds, as at present the occupants are in some cases sleeping two in a bed.

One point we would like to particularly impress upon your Lordships is, that the watchman should during the night visit the wards every fifteen minutes, as in our opinion should a fire occur, there would be a terrible calamity in this Institution.

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found the very latest electric irons, and the women patients were experts in that particular line of work.

The Institution generally was excellently conducted, and we desire to record our congratulations to Dr. Duncan and his staff who so faithfully carry out the work entrusted to them.

At the same time the Lunatic Asylum has a capacity for 200 patients, but at the present time there are over 300 patients in the Institution. This is a most important matter and we made special mention of it in our entry in the Register of the Institution, as a suggestion to the Commissioners.

The Grand Jury visited the New Sanatorium for consumptives, soon to be opened, and we might say this visit was indeed a pleasure. The building with its up-to-date apartments for the treatment of those who are suffering from this dread plague is a credit to the Government.

We found upon visiting the various Institutions, a general desire on the part of the Warden and Assistants for an increase in wages, owing to the exceptionally high cost of living prevailing at present. The pay is really insufficient and we feel certain that the Government will give the matter their early attention.

We strongly support the recommendations made by the special Jury in their decision in the Gosse case lately before the Court—that a public dispensary be immediately opened—and we would suggest further

a competent doctor be appointed in connection with same, so that in case of another emergency arising, as in the case above referred to, the poorer people will know to whom they may apply, which will eliminate any unnecessary delay in future.

We would also like to draw your Lordships' attention to the lack of proper ventilation in the Jury Room. It is really depressing and the Juries, we feel sure, would greatly appreciate having this matter attended to.

Your Grand Jury trust and pray that ere many months have elapsed, this awful and terrible war may soon be terminated with a glorious victory for the Allied forces, who are fighting for Justice, for Righteousness and for the freedom of the world.

On behalf of self and fellow Jurors, A. H. SALTER, Foreman.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S REPLY.

The Chief Justice in receiving the presentation of the Grand Jury expressed the pleasure and approval of the Court upon the report on the Penitentiary and then proceeded to comment on the recommendations respecting a reformatory. Twenty-five is a large number of juvenile prisoners and this does not at all represent the total of the class of juvenile offenders coming before the Magistrates, as it is only in the worst cases imprisonment is imposed. The value of any Reformatory which the Government could establish would largely depend upon the persons who are placed

in charge. Work of that kind to have any success must get into the right hands, otherwise all that is achieved is the addition of another Government Institution. In other communities Reformatory and Industrial Schools are managed by persons of special qualification who devote their lives to the training of the young. It is impossible to say how far a Reformatory will prove a panacea for the evils complained of. The application of the birch rod is sometimes found as an effective way of dealing with youthful thieves as a lengthened term in a house of detention, and perhaps it would be advisable for Magistrates to have resort to this remedy formerly employed here in dealing with these cases. These children are not criminals by birth or parentage, for there is no criminal class in this community, but their misfortune is that they have no parents who care for them, and this results in their being reared on the street and without parental control. The Moving Picture show may have depicted for them how they can successfully escape with stolen booty. There has been an awakening elsewhere to the danger of such education and perhaps the censorship methods now being applied in large centres might be followed with advantage here.

Civic Affairs.

The Citizens' Committee will meet in the Board of Trade Rooms to-night when the housing regulations will again be discussed. The regular weekly meeting of the City Council takes place to-night.

W. P. A.

Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses.
His Excellency the Governor, \$50.00
Hon. R. Watson, 25.00
Mrs. A. Macpherson, 10.00
Mrs. Gosling, 25.00
H.G.H., 10.00
Miss Southcott, 20.00
M. SOUTHSCOTT, Hon. Treas.

HORSES ON WINDSOR LAKE.—We hasten to draw the attention of the City Council to the condition of the road around Windsor Lake. This morning the Portugal Cove cabmen were forced to drive over the lake for a considerable distance there being no other possible way of proceeding, and on returning this afternoon they will have to travel over the same route.

Train Notes.

Tuesday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 4.10 a.m. to-day. The incoming express with mail is due at midnight. A local express is due at 3.30 p.m. to-day. The train from Carbonear reached the city at 1 p.m. to-day.

Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS.

REIDS' BOATS.—The Ethie is due at Placentia to-day. The Glenoe left Grand Bank at 8 a.m. to-day coming east, and is due at Placentia to-night.

Over 30,000 bottles of Stafford's Liniment sold last year.

FINAL SENIOR HOCKEY GAME.—To-morrow night the Terra Nova's and Peladians will clash for second place in the League hockey series. At present both teams are even and a lively exhibition is sure to be given.

Received a shipment of Scotch Coopers' Tools. BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept. feb.17

PERSONAL.—The many friends of Mr. Thos. Tucker, Burnt Point, B.D.V., will be pleased to hear that his son, who for some time was confined to the General Hospital undergoing medical treatment, is fast improving in health. Mr. Tucker arrived in the city last night.

Coughs and Colds can be cured by using Stafford's Phoratorne and Stafford's Liniment.

NAVAL HEROES RETURNING.—By the incoming express due early to-morrow morning 14 R.N.R. men in charge of Paymaster W. F. Wells will reach the city. Eight of the number are on furlough, while the remaining three have been stationed at Esquimaux on the Pacific coast. Owing to the lateness of the hour no reception will be held. Paymaster Wells will be no stranger to the city as on a former occasion he was attached to the Briton. We join with the host of his old friends in the city in extending to him a hearty welcome.

Here and There.

TRUE BILL AGAINST PAVER.—The Grand Jury were in attendance at the Supreme Court this morning and considered the indictment against the man Paver who is charged with bigamy. The prisoner will be arraigned to-morrow and should he plead guilty he will in all probability receive his sentence.

CURLERS VISIT BELL ISLAND.—The following curlers left the city this morning on a trip to Bell Island to compete with a home team there: W. H. Duder (Capt.), W. J. Higgins, A. H. Salter, F. H. Steer, H. J. Duder, F. V. Chesman, E. J. Rowe, E. A. Hayward, E. Maclean. The games will be played to-night and all day to-morrow, the team returning on Saturday.

"THE HABITANT" AT ROSSLEY'S TO-NIGHT.

To comply with many requests from admirers of Dr. Drummond's famous characterizations of the French-Canadian "Habitant", Fox and Carr will present an entire new series of these wonderful poems at Rossley's British Theatre to-night. Special selections to be introduced are "De Bell of St. Michel," "The wreck of the Julie Plante," and "Little Bateese." The latter number of one of the three poems Mr. Fox had the honour of presenting before His Majesty King George some years ago. All those who saw the first presentation of "The Habitant" a few weeks ago will be delighted to hear some more of these really beautiful gems of Canadian literature. The pictures are of the best: Helen Holmes in daring feat, "The Blue and Gray" Vitaphone in two parts, and "The Old Man's Pipe," Lubin comedy.

McMurdo's Store News

THURSDAY, March 1, 1917.
Cream of Roses and Cream of Violets are both useful in March, when winds are hard and drying and suns bright. These emollient lotions—similar but for the perfume—are very efficacious for sprayed and sore hands and for abraded face and lips. During the month of March it is very convenient to have a bottle of one or other of these creams on the toilet table. Price 25c. a bottle, each.
Don't go to the ice without a bottle of Red Cross Oil—you'll certainly need it before you get back. Price 25c. a bottle.

FROM CAPE RACE.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind N.N.W., fresh, weather fine; no vessels in sight. Bar. 29.91; Ther. 23.

DIED.

This morning, William, son of the late Michael and Ellen O'Leary; funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from his brother's residence, 32 King's Road; friends and acquaintances will please accept this, the only, intimation.—R. L. P.
At Fernside, Feb. 27th, after a very short illness, with pneumonia, Mr. John Jackson, aged 39 years, leaving a wife, one daughter and a brother, Mike, of the Anglo-American Telegraph Co., Cape Race, to mourn the loss of a kind husband, loving father and affectionate brother. May his soul rest in peace.

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TO-DAY Message

10.30

GERMANY'S PLOT.

WASHINGTON.
The following is the text of the man's instructions:—"Berlin, Jan. 19th, 1917. Of February we intend to make marine warfare unnecessary to this it is our intention to keep neutral the Americas. If this successful, we propose the following basis: we shall make peace together make peace general financial support understood that Mexico, as and Arizona. This is your for settlement Mexico to inform of Mexico of the above confidence, as soon as there will be agreement with the United States that the President's own initiative should with Japan, suggestion once to this plan, and offer to mediate between Japan. Please call on the President of Mexico, employment of ruthless fare promises to make peace in a few ed, Zimmerman."

This document has been in the hands of the Government. Wilson broke relations with Germany kept secret while the been asking Congress to deal with Germany. The President's hands, for von Bethmann has been clearing that the United States interpretation of the declaration never intended.

KNOWLING'S Groceries

EAST, WE

Mackerel in tins
Anchovy Butter
& Blackwell's
Oysters in tins
Sardine Paste
Whiting, in tins
Smoked

Empire Baking

Apricots, in tins
Pears, in large tins
Prunes, chutney
new
Apricots, in tins

Fruit Jelly, in Glass (Table with associated fruits)

Orange Marmalade

National Baked 60 oz. cation

Petit Pois, in tins
Peas, in tins
Plasmon Cotto invalids
Plasmon Baked

Sago, good quality

Choice Local

Maggi's Soups

Soups of the

Per pk of 5

Assorted Sauces

Tomato Sauce

best quality

Plum Jam, good

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