

THE IMPRUDENT PRINCE

Or, What it Costs To Be a Gentleman—in Germany

(By A.A.M., the well known contributor to London Punch)

It costs a good deal to be a gentleman in Germany, as Prince Lichnowsky has just discovered.

Prince Lichnowsky was German Ambassador in Great Britain from 1912-1914. His qualifications for the post were unique; he was a German gentleman, to be more exact he was a Silesian Pole. "We Germans will never be gentlemen," a German authority has said, but there may be lapses among nominal Germans. At any rate when a gentleman was wanted for Ambassador, the rumor that one was found in Silesia was promptly acted upon, and Prince Lichnowsky was despatched to London.

In 1913 Germany had already decided upon the Kiel Canal, for it was necessary to wait for the opening of the enlarged Kiel Canal, and that was due in the summer of 1914. It was the Ambassador's business in London to keep England quiet for those two years. The best way to do this was to pretend to be working for an Anglo-German understanding. The best man for this pretence was one who had no need to pretend, but honestly thought it was his business to bring England and Germany together; a straightforward gentleman acceptable to the British. Such a man was Prince Lichnowsky. Unsuspecting of what was coming, he could be relied on to work for an understanding with an equally unsuspecting England, while back at Berlin the German government chuckled to itself and prepared for the day. How could the British government suspect so obviously honest a man as Prince Lichnowsky?

When war was inevitable, the German ambassador was asked if England would come in. He said No. What else could he say? He had looked at England with the eyes of a peace lover; he and Sir Edward Grey had been working together for peace; he had put the thought of war between Germany and England far away from him. So he said, No; and England came in; and Prince Lichnowsky went back to Germany in disgrace.

His crime was that he had deceived the German government as to England's intentions. He might have retorted that the German government had deceived him as to Germany's intentions. He was an honest gentleman and his government had taken advantage of the fact. For two years he remained silent, and then he put down on paper something of his private feelings.

The world knows how that owing to the "indiscretion" of a friend those private feelings became public. There was nothing in them to surprise the world outside Germany, but the German people naturally wanted an explanation. It has fallen to the vice-chancellor to give it, with an explanation. No importance could be attached to the revelations since the two gentlemen referred to had denied making the statements attributed to them. (A simple-minded man, the vice-chancellor. But then how came Dr. Muehlen to make his statement? Moreover, he had tendered his resignation of his present rank, and "as he had doubtless no had intention, but had simply been guilty of imprudence," nothing further would be done in the matter.)

Doubtless the Prince had no had intention. Indeed, his only intention was to be an honest man. He had simply been guilty of imprudence. He had been imprudent enough to



ALLIES ADVANCE TO THE REGION OF FRATE. In Albania the allies have extended their success. The gains shown on the map hardly do justice to the advanced down the Devoli River, keeping step with the Italians an Tomor mountain until the battle front appears to stretch east and west through Frate.

NEW SOURCE OF FOOD SUPPLY

Dr. McCallum and Prof. Rutnan Greatly Impressed With Soya Bean

A GOOD SUBSTITUTE Expected to Release Beef And Wheat to the Allies

Ottawa, July 18.—Thomas Myers and Dr. Roy Rutledge, London, to-day interviewed Dr. A. B. MacCallum, chairman of the Research Committee, and Prof. Rutnan, expert chemist, and H. B. Thomson, chairman of the Canada Food Board, regarding a new food substitute which they have perfected. Dr. MacCallum asked these gentlemen to come to Ottawa to discuss the new food and also to make the matter up with Mr. Thomson.

Their proposal is to utilize the Soya bean, which exceeds all cereals in food value, and of which there is a big supply in the United States. For centuries it has been used as human food in the Far East. It was introduced into the United States about fifteen years ago. While it is high in food value no attempt was made to make the best use of it until the war, until the present time, when it was found excellent substitutes, palatable to a high degree and most nutritious. Dr. MacCallum and Prof. Rutnan secured samples and expressed themselves as highly pleased with their quality. It is the feeling that a great source of food supply has been discovered which will release wheat to the allies and at the same time provide cheap and suitable substitutes for home consumption.

Dr. MacCallum has followed the experiments for some months, as has Prof. Rutnan, and both are greatly impressed.

OFFICERS ORDERED NOT TO APPEAR

Instructed by Minister of Militia to Disregard the Habeas Corpus Writs

By Courier Leased Wire.

Quebec, July 17.—The Minister of Militia is responsible for the decision of the commanders of the militia not to appear in answer to writs of habeas corpus and the same minister has instructed commanding officers of all battalions not to produce men on behalf of whose writs have been obtained, Major Barclay, deputy judge advocate, stated to-day in the superior court, before Mr. Justice Cannon.

The case under consideration was that of Col. Rogers, commanding officer of the Laval O.O.T.C., at present under training at Valcartier. He had been summoned to court by ruling of Justice Dorin, who has ordered him to appear with the draftees on behalf of whom writs had been issued, or that the officers be jailed should they fail to observe the court's ruling.

Justice Cannon, answering the statement of Major Barclay, said that in all and any habeas corpus proceedings had to be observed even by the military as well as by civilians.

Finally Justice Cannon agreed to let the case stand until July 24 and said that then and there all commanding officers of battalions against whom writs have or shall have been issued by the Superior Court must appear with the men on behalf of the writs that may have been issued.

He said that in the meantime, the military could not remove draftees with habeas corpus writs from one camp to another without giving official notice of 24 hours to the court, which would then see to it that the men were duly protected.

Twenty-two more writs of habeas corpus have been taken in Quebec City against officers of the local militia yesterday.

WAR BONDS SUCCEEDED

By Courier Leased Wire.

Ottawa, July 17.—(Via Reuter's) Ottawa.—When the war loan bill was taken in the Commons yesterday Bonar Law said that no new operations were necessary for the next nine months as the war bonds organization had succeeded to a greater extent than ever anticipated.

TOURIST TRAFFIC

The volume of tourist traffic from the United States this year has been considerably lessened by misleading press dispatches appearing in American and Canadian papers regarding the Canadian Registration Act. It was unwarrantably stated that visitors to Canada from the United States would be compelled to register at a post office before they could secure accommodation at a hotel, that passports were absolutely necessary, and more recently the absolute necessity was widely circulated that women from the United States would not be allowed to return home. This latter ridiculous report is especially denied by Mr. W. D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, who officially designated it as "absolutely without any foundation in fact." Senator Gordon Robertson, a member of the Dominion Cabinet, and Chairman of the Registration Board, is equally positive in his denials of the other mischievous reports. The actual facts are, according to the official statement of the Registration Board, that the Registration Act applies only to people permanently resident in Canada, and does not affect even remotely anyone living in the United States; that no registration at a post office is necessary, and that no passports are required. The possession of papers showing the holders to be American citizens is all that is necessary to cross into Canada. At the international boundary line the holders of these papers are given an identification card by the Canadian Immigration officials, which enables the visitors to travel freely where they wish without any interference on the part of Canadian officials.

Senator Robertson, Chairman of the Registration Board, has announced that "neither in the instructions issued, nor the regulations for Canadian registration is there anything that would indicate desire or intention to impose restrictions upon Americans or aliens entering, travelling in, or leaving Canada."

The experience of those American visitors who have already come to Canada verifies Senator Robertson's statement, but unfortunately there are many across the border who have not read this announcement, and may still be influenced by the false reports to stay at home, spoil their vacation, and cause a mutual loss to themselves and to Canada.

Music and Drama

FILM LETS.

Who wouldn't have the mumps if he could catch 'em from Marguerite Clark? Charles C. Ayres got a kiss and the mumps from the little star when she was in Chicago selling Liberty bonds. Charles is eleven years old, and he was so proud of those mumps that after his recovery when they were making four-minute speeches in the L'Escola school he told of them and was awarded the certificate for the best speech.

The "kiss of 'Fatty'" Arbuckle had a full laugh at the round comedian's expense at Arrowhead Springs, Cal., the other day. Some of them told him that he would gain "pep" and added "Joy in life if he would take the bath" and "Fatty" fell for it. It wasn't but a very few days before he began to fall away quite perceptibly, whereupon he suddenly quit the bathing and went on an unlimited diet of milk and eggs. Latest reports from Arrowhead are that "Fatty's" fortune is no longer in jeopardy.

LAVERGNE LABELLED?

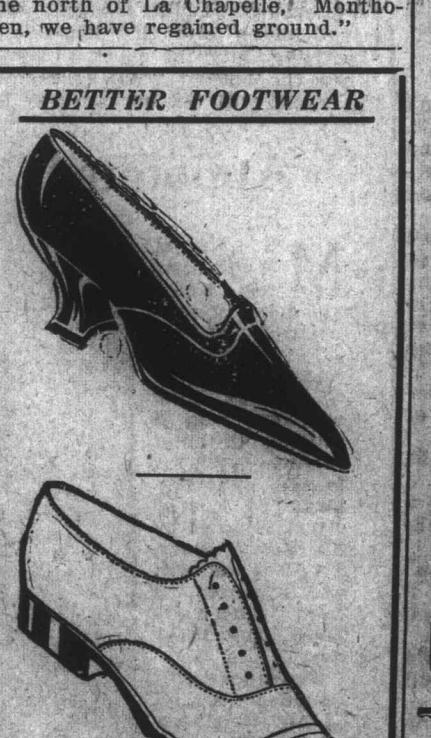
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Quebec, July 17.—Armand Lavergne, K.C., will take an action for libel to the amount of \$10,000 against L'Evenement, Mr. Lavergne complains of an article published in yesterday's issue of L'Evenement in which allusions were made to the habeas corpus writ excitement at present sweeping Canada.

A novel kind of habeas corpus proceedings was instituted to-day when Mr. Lavergne, on behalf of a draftee actually overseas, applied for a writ of habeas corpus.

General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, at present overseas, and General Watkins, adjutant-general, are to be made respondents in this case.

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