

KAISER'S NOTE ON WAY--HERE'S HOW IT WILL TRAVEL



WILLIAM.

BETHMANN-HOLLWIG.

VON JAGOW

GERARD

BRYAN

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Emperor William gave his reply to Imperial Chancellor Bethmann-Hollwig, who in turn handed it over to Minister of Foreign Affairs Von Jagow, who passed it on to Gerard, American Ambassador at Berlin, who passed it on to Secretary of State Bryan, who gave it to President Wilson.

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Steals 1st Baptist Collection For His Sick Wife and Baby

THIEF SAYS HE WILL REPAY CHURCH SOME DAY WITH INTEREST

Editor The Times: You have always been fair with the laboring masses. Will you please inform the financial chairman of the First Baptist church (whose name I do not know, or I would inform him myself) that through his carelessness last Sunday night I was able to pay my rent and save my wife and baby from being kicked out in the street.

I have always been a hard-working man but through sickness I have been compelled to ask assistance. But as I could scarce get bread, I went to church last Sunday evening expecting to seek assistance, and after asking three or four people for a little help, one poor fellow, as poor as myself, gave me 25 cents, saying he had not worked himself for some months but he shared with me as best he could. But 25 cents will pay little of the bill of \$76.

As I stood around I saw no one empty collection plates, and I slipped down stairs, and when all was quiet I slipped back upstairs and took from the collection \$8.00, and I will some day pay it back if I ever get on my feet or a job.

I do not feel as though I stole anything and would not have taken it but of grave necessity. My wife is a true Christian and has given many of my hard-earned dollars to the Baptist church to help the poor and to spread the gospel; so tell them to forgive and I will at some time pay it back. Baby sick—wife sick and heartbroken over my sickness—not earning anything—but will be soon on my feet again and will pay it back.

My wife has been a Baptist worker for years before coming here and if she knew I had taken this collection she would not approve of it, but I cannot help it.

Will refund it with interest if I am able to.

Sincerely yours, B. M. B.

P. S.—I hate to let you know this but if I don't I fear some poor, innocent person may be suspected, perhaps the janitor, but I want to say I am guilty and no one else.

This unusual letter came in the editor's mail. It was enclosed in a plain envelope, with no marks by which the sender could be identified.

Earl Robbins, secretary-treasurer of the First Baptist church, and J. F. Hall, financial secretary both declared they had no way of knowing whether or not the \$8 was missing.

HUMPHRIES DEAD

SEATTLE, May 29.—Judge John E. Humphries of Seattle, who became nationally known two years ago through his rigorous treatment of defendants in a free-speech case, died today.

He was 63 years old and had suffered two weeks from uraemic poisoning.

In the cases of two years ago, Judge Humphries denounced all the defendants before him as "socialists," "agitators" and "won't-works."

He sent several courtroom spectators to jail for alleged contempt; fined others \$100; was about to jail 99 in one batch, and was stopped in his picturesque career only when Gov. Lister agreed, at the written request of three newspaper editors, to call a special session of the legislature to consider impeachment.

He has been a candidate both for U. S. senator and state supreme court judge.

Maybe Wheels Are Gummed With Asphalt

LOUIS BEAN'S AD

"We pay for and maintain the paving between our wheels."

"Are the jitneys helping out in this regard?"

"Are you a believer in reciprocity?"

There it is again, folks, and no charge at all to Louis.

He stands pat on it and says it is a good ad. He bases this conclusion on the belief that it made us think. The reason he knows it did was that we wrote an editorial about it.

Now we maintain that if the ad is a good ad for that reason, then our editorial was an even greater masterpiece.

FOR WE MADE LOUIS BEAN THINK. We know because he replied by special delivery letter to our editorial.

And it certainly is an achievement, we contend, to make a man think who has paving between his wheels.

But paving or no paving between Louis' wheels, we can't see why he should expect the jits to pay for it nor why he should care whether we believe in reciprocity and other abstruse doctrines.

Maybe somebody's wheels are a bit gummed with asphalt.

SLASHES WIFE WITH RAZOR; IS CAPTURED

Philip Comfort slashed his wife with a razor at their home in the west end this morning and was captured by four prominent citizens after an exciting chase.

The cause of the quarrel is said to have arisen through charges by Comfort that his wife, Rosa, had been unfaithful.

While she was still in her night clothes he attacked her with the razor, slashing her about the throat and breasts.

She finally staggered outside their home, 3310 South Tenth st., shrieking for aid. Comfort followed her.

Dr. P. R. Brenton, who lives nearby and who was on his way to the car, started in pursuit of the man. He overtook W. A. Hart, son of the jeweler, who was passing in his automobile, and climbed aboard.

Down the street a short distance they were joined by Thomas W. Dunn, who had heard the disturbance and who brought along a shotgun, and by C. A. Moore.

The four finally captured the spent runner in the brush at Twelfth and Puget Sound, after firing a shot or two to frighten him.

The woman's wounds are expected to be fatal.

BERLIN, May 29.—The Archduke Eugene of Austria has been placed in command of the troops on the Italian border.

Arrest Jitney Jehus

Striking its first open blow at Jitney drivers of Tacoma, the T. R. & P. today caused warrants to be issued against four drivers who, it alleged, were operating without a license from the secretary of state.

The warrants were issued just before noon by Deputy Prosecutor Cramer. The names of the men will not be made public until they have been apprehended.

Cramer said that the evidence in the case had come from J. W. Browne, of the T. R. & P. Co.

This is only part of a statewide campaign by the Stone-Webster traction interests against independent Jitney drivers. A sort of private detective agency is maintained, which keeps tabs on Jitney drivers, and then gives its alleged findings to prosecutors.

Another phase of the fight is the placing of auto-buses on routes, both in cities and interurban districts, in opposition to those driven by Independents.

LOSE 60,000

ATHENS, May 29.—The Turks have lost more than 60,000 in the Dardanelles, private advice says.

ADDS ONE DAIRY AND SUBTRACTS ONE TODAY

Announcing his new week's list of Tacoma dairies that are sending no milk to the city from "re-acting" cows, City Milk Inspector Button today added the Mount Tacoma dairy and removed the Cold Springs dairy. The latter recently increased its herd, and the new cows have not yet been tested.

GERMANY'S REPLY NOT SATISFYING

May Jury, Farewell!

May Jury, farewell! You've made a record long to be remembered, illustrating in emphasized irony the whole sun total of jury decisions.

First of all, you shocked the attorney of Young Mr. Blaskovich by finding the former innocent. The evidence in court convinced everyone but you. Was it soft-heartedness, due to your first jury box experience that led you to let him loose?

Then Mrs. Diffley, a broken old woman! You had no direct evidence against her at all. The circumstantial evidence was fairly strong. Most of the newspapers had joined the hue-and-cry against her.

Were you getting a bit callous and used to pleas of innocence when you gave that verdict? Was it a psychological backfire from the Blaskovich decision?

And Armando Bazio faced you on a hold-up charge. He swore he was in a restaurant when the crime was committed. The man held up swore that he distinctly saw and recognized Bazio—although it was a dark, rainy night, and Bazio was alleged to have seized him from behind.

Most men would have thought hard before they had made their souls responsible for consigning Bazio to not less than five years in the penitentiary.

Were you getting even a trifle more cynical and less sympathetic to those accused of crime when you gave that verdict, May jury? Be that as it may, we're glad for the sake of the accused that June 1 and a new panel is near.

BERLIN, May 29.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note on the Lusitania was handed to Ambassador Gerard today, and attaches immediately began translating it into American code.

Situation Tense.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—With news of the delivery of Germany's reply to the United States in the Lusitania case received, the situation in the capital was tense.

It was unofficially known that the Kaiser had not promised that further submarine warfare would be stopped. This means that the answer is unsatisfactory, and a sharp rejoinder is certain.

The note undoubtedly will reach here in full tomorrow.

If Germany's reply is inclined to be argumentative, Wilson will insist that she cease her submarine warfare while the question is threshed out.

Know Part of Contents.

Knowing in a rough way that Germany, in its answer to President Wilson's note on the Lusitania and other incidents, will ask the United States to determine just what the facts of the disaster were, state department officials already are at work with President Wilson on America's further position.

Despite all diplomatic secrecy, it is known that the Kaiser's note will ask the United States if the Lusitania were a peaceable merchantman or an armed cruiser, carrying Canadian troops and contraband ammunition for British soldiers.

Will Ask More Facts.

Also he will ask if it is not true that the explosion of contraband ammunition hastened the sinking of the Lusitania, causing a loss of life greater than necessary.

The Kaiser will ask that these facts be fully determined before a further diplomatic discussion takes place.

To the Kaiser, the United States will reply, roughly, that whether the Lusitania had contraband or not, the American passengers aboard her had the right to be warned in advance of the torpedoing, and to a transfer to a place of safety.

Germany also will be asked immediately to explain the Gutfliet and the Falaba incidents, of which the United States complained originally.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

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| Clearings | \$190,522.35 |
| Balances | 24,988.59 |
| Transactions | 658,535.98 |

The Feeling of Independence

I know of no greater independence than this thing of having a little lump sum of money put away, be it ever so small. A sum that is kept in reserve and only in very extreme instances drawn upon.—Daniel Barnes.

THE PUGET SOUND STATE BANK

will be pleased to accept your deposit from a dollar up, and now is a good time to start that lump sum.

WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED

