



Why Mr. Choate Is Not Neutral

(Brooklyn "Eagle.")

No man can escape the Americanism of Joseph H. Choate. When he publicly casts neutrality to the winds and proclaims his sympathy with one group of belligerents and his hostility to another group, he is not moved by the memories of social courtesies or friendly personal relations in the countries whose cause he espouses. His inspiration is the underlying American sense of fair play, which inspires in him the conviction that Germany's methods in forcing war and her methods in waging war are an outrage upon humanity, an insult to civilization, and as much a menace to the democracy of the future as they are a peril to the democracy of today.

Charge of Trading With The Enemy

London, Jan. 27.—Three partners of Fownes' Brothers and Company, glove manufacturers, were to-day committed for trial in criminal court on the charge of obtaining goods from Germany through the New York branch and trading in such goods in contravention of the "Trading with the Enemy Act."

The defendants are Wm. Gardiner Rigden, senior partner; W. S. Fownes Rigden, who managed the American business; and Stanley Fownes Rigden, who in peace times is managing director of the German company known as La Toca.

The prosecution alleges that between the end of September and the end of December, 1914, the defendants obtained goods worth \$30,000 from Saxony through the New York branch, payment to be made after the war. The firm has factories in New York. The defendants were admitted to bail.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio, Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Attempt to Wreck Victoria Bridge

Montreal, Feb. 5.—What is believed to have been an attempt to wreck the Victoria bridge was frustrated by men of the composite battalion on guard shortly before five o'clock this morning. Several shots were fired when the figure of a man was seen creeping over the ice toward the bridge. The searchlight on the city side picked him out some distance from the stone piers, and as it was evident he had no right to be in such a place at such an hour one of the guards opened fire. In a twinkling the other guards were turned out, several more shots were fired, but the man escaped.

When asked about the affair, sergeant of the guard on duty on the bridge referred the reporter to higher officers of the composite battalion, all of whom said they had not made any statement unless an investigation had been held.

After it was learned that the man came first at midnight, was challenged by the guard, and was seen to be carrying a bag, he appeared again about 4 o'clock, when the guards opened fire. As they were on the bridge, the man was on the ice below, and managed to get away in the darkness.

"We have no idea who he was or what his intentions were," officers said. "There is just an unaccountable reason to suppose he was bent on mischief as to imagine he had no evil intentions."

A search was made, but no explosives or dangerous contrivances were found.

It was stated about noon after a search had been made of the ice below the bridge that the footsteps of the early morning visitor had been traced over the ice to the edge of open water, and it is now believed by many that in his haste to escape the man may have fallen into the river and been drowned. No trace of bombs or other explosives was found about the piers.

Body Recovered From The Ruins

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The body of J. B. R. Laplante, assistant clerk of the House of Commons, who perished in the fire on Thursday night, was discovered this morning. It was in the room of the Deputy Speaker. He, a messenger had tried to induce Mr. Laplante to descend by a rope of curtains, but he would not risk it. The messenger finally jumped and saved himself. The Dominion police force has taken steps to apprehend all aliens who left Ottawa on Thursday night. A close watch is kept on these foreigners who are supposed to report regularly to the Registration Office. By an arrangement with the railways the tickets numbers and destinations of tickets sold to foreigners are handed over to the police. It was this system that resulted in the arrest last night, of Charles Stroney, at Windsor. Stroney was the pianist at the Elvina Restaurant here on Thursday night.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 5.—Photographs of the Ottawa parliament buildings were found in the possession of Charles Stroney, the Belgian violinist, taken from the C. P. R. train here Friday evening; and held in Windsor police station on suspicion of complicity in the destruction of the buildings.

A Dream of Kaiser William

Paris, Feb. 9.—In an interview published in La Liberté, a well known manufacturer who has just returned from internment in Germany throws new light on the economic situation in the empire. He says:

"Germany has never lacked a supply of copper. She found a two year supply in the invaded regions of France. In order to hold on her own resources she stopped the exploitation of her own mines and is working the French mines exclusively. From these she has withdrawn a vast stock, equalling the amount ordinarily dug up in ten years under French methods in peace time. "Wheat is very scarce in Germany, but potatoes and other vegetables are very abundant and cheap. Meat is extremely scarce, but coal is plentiful and relatively cheap. "It is expected Germany will succumb to economic pressure. She will be defeated only by the loss of untold thousands of men, a loss which is already acutely felt

throughout the country. "The Kaiser has said that the first article of the treaty which he expects will be an armistice to enable us to drag Germany out of the war."

Parish Officers—1916

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WOODSTOCK  
Parish Clerk—Carter Wetmore.  
Assessor of Rates—Solomon Perley, Delbert Franklin, Walter Estabrooks, Collector of Rates—H. A. Davidson, Overseers of Poor—Wm. McCluskey, Hailey Johnston.

Road Commissioner—H. W. Cowan, Game Wardens—A. G. Hand, Thomas McDade, J. W. Marsten, C. F. Hanson, Carter Wetmore, John Cosman, Stephen Yerra, Harry A. Tapley, Herbert Graham, Allen McPherson.

Constables—Geo. Nicholson, J. W. Marsten, Homer Kimball, Bernard Perley, Thad. Dibbles, Jas Stephenson, Chesley Carr, Newman Griffin, Wm. McIntyre, Edward Furlong, Eugene Smith, Wm. Kirk, Thomas Graham, John Graham.

Weights of Hay and Straw—O. R. Estey, D. W. Jackson, Wm. McCluskey, Clyde McCluskey, Jas Watson.

Fence Viewers—Chester Cummings, Herbert Marsten, Alex Rogers, Chas Hand, Jas Stephenson, John Montgomery, Wm Hanson, Fred Cronk, Wm McCluskey, Jas Watson, John Yerra, John Cunningham.

Fire Wardens—Stephen Shaw, Homer Kimball, Walter Treartin, Thad Dibbles, George Mullin, Ross Watson, Edward Kirkpatrick, O. R. Estey, Mathias Watson, Geo. London, Bernard Perley, Clyde McCluskey, H. W. Cowan, Allen McPherson, Russel Bull, John Marsten, Fred Cronk, Eldon Cunningham, Edward Kirkpatrick, Hans McKenzie.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark—Wm. H. Jamieson, Solomon Perley, L. Dow, M. Watson, S. Sharp, S. Shaw, F. C. Porter, Chas Rogers, John Gibson, Nelson Marsten, H. B. Scott, Allen Yerra, Wm Emery, Bernard Perley, Jas Watson, Robert Moxon, J. E. Colwell.

Field Drivers and Pound Keepers—Geo. Mallory, Enoch McDade, David Miller, C. VanWaas, Jas Tapley, Ross Watson, John Gillen, Fred Cronk, Thomas McGrath, John Marsten, Fred Cronkite, Alex Rogers, Leg Cunningham, Moses Dickinson, Amos Eravan, H. Porter, Chas Turner, Hartley London, Clifford Everett, Roy Franklin, A. F. Hand, A. F. Plummer, Frank Foster, C. R. Carman, Herb Graham, Carter Wetmore, Willie Porter, Thad Dibbles, Allen Stairs, Jas Stephenson, Walter Couper, Herbert Hall, Herbert Marsten, John Yerra, Chas McKenzie, John Jones, Chas Porter, Edgar Speer, Allen Barnett, Allen Hall, C. M. Marsten, Walter Estabrooks, Wm Montgomery, Robert Bull, Chas Grey, All. McDougall, Augustus Hand, Eugene Smith, Alex Johnston, Warren Hillman, Byron Bull, Archie McMullin, Russel Bull, Warren Tapley, Horace Godsoe, Herbert Stead, E. R. Shaw, C. O. Mallory, Homer Kimball.

PEEL  
Assessors of Rates—Percy Semple, Elvin Larkey, Earle Campbell, Overseers of Poor—Frank Rideout Sr., Chas T. Boyer, Felix Perkins, Fence Viewers—Scott Bell, Thomas Waugh, Willard Hunter, Harvey Ebbett, Geo. Quick, Thomas McCrea, Wasson Bridges, Dudley Rideout, Jarvis Estabrooks, Jas McLuman, Rupert Long, Murray Tompkins, Moody Brooks, Shedric Atwaters, Howard Drake, Edward Clark, Rainsford Lovely, Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark—Joseph Curtis, Erlin Bell, Stanley Hatfield, Jas Stephenson, Wasson Bridges, Lorne Poyer, Allen Greer, W. W. Melville, Thomas Tompkins, R. R. Ross, A. B. Lovely, Geo Adams, B. F. Smith, Norman Craig, D. A. Foster, Samuel Burlock, B. R. Clark, Gordon Mulburry, Howard Garrier, Harry Hunter, Isaac Pelkey, Leslie Perkin, Frank R. Tompkins, Walter Smith, Constables—Chas L. Boyer, Dudley Rideout, Andrew Elkins, Alonzo McDonald, Pearl Tapley, Chas Cullin, Geo Adams, Harding Tibbits, Lorenzo P. Clark, Frank Atkinson, Marshall Donnelly, Moody Brooks, John Jones, Walter Smith, Jas McLuman, Lorenzo Clark, Enoch Tompkins, John Noble, Murray Tompkins, Geo Foster, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers and Hog Reeves—Alex. Portersfield, Jas. Campbell, John Campbell, Lee Brooker, Gilbert Hatheway, Geo Quick, Ben Tompkins, Joseph Cullin, Thomas

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Sweden

(Montreal Weekly Witness)  
One of the minor neutral states of Europe has got a salutary lesson in the issues of the war that will at least make a portion of its people reconsider its position. A Swedish ship sailing from one port in Sweden to another was captured by the Germans, and taken to Germany. Commenting on this incident, the "Idningen" says, "The British encroachments against us commercially have loomed larger than those of the Germans, but the Germans are certainly more reckless and more regardless of our rights, demonstrating that that the Germans doubtless would have treated us with far less consideration than the British if they had had the same opportunity." It seems strange that it should have taken Sweden so long to see into the cause of the war. It was the ruthless treatment accorded a minor state by Germany that brought Britain into the fight, and that is going to keep her there heart and soul until the thing is over. Sinking all questions of public decency and making allowance for such national prejudice as Sweden started out with in favor of Germany, and still more against Russia, which robbed her of Finland, Sweden is slow to grasp the danger to herself of a German victory.

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German Letters Tells of Misery

"On wounded Germans captured in the recent fighting at Hartmanns-Wilkerkopf," says the Paris Temps of January 11, "have been found numerous letters from relatives at home which throw a strong light on the real situation there. They contain sordid tales of sufferings and want of the most ordinary necessities of life. A few short extracts, giving date and locality from which each letter originates will tell the whole story. "HAMBURG, Dec. 12.—We can no longer afford to drink milk. It is too dear and difficult to get. "VILLEN, Dec. 12.—The Red Cross has suspended distribution of milk to the housewives. This was our principal means of subsistence. "GLAUCHEN, Dec. 4.—We are now living on potatoes and molasses. Little butter is to be had. Either the stores have closed up or they are short of butter. Fresh vegetables are scarce and for herring I have to pay 20 pfennig [five cents] apiece. "Indistinct Postmark, Dec. 15.—For eight weeks I have not been able to get any lard. It is very rare, and if they happen to have it in a store one must take chances on a fight to get some of it, so desperate is the throng at such a place. It is the same at the butcher shops. "ALSTEDDE, Nov. 3.—Nearly all the remaining men in this place have been sent to Serbia. It would be a good thing if the war came to an end. No butter and no oil can be bought here. Potatoes are about all you can get, either in the stores or in the markets. No more lard is available I am asking myself how much farther this can possibly go. Some letter writers disclose a very bitter and even rebellious spirit: "Marneheim, Nov. 22.—Here one cannot get a bottle of milk at any price. How long will this misery last, anyway? Now they have set their minds on invading Egypt, which means another year of war. Why is it that you must help to carry out the foolish notions conceived by others. "MANNHEIM, Nov. 26.—You ought simply to revolt. It would be much better than permit yourselves to be

killed or mutilated. You have been in the war long enough already, and we women, too, have had all we want of starving to death by degrees. How far does the miserable pittance of 37 marks (about 9 dollars) a month help a woman with three children and an old father to support?

Potatoes and bread and then bread and potatoes, that is our daily bill of fare. This can't be endured very long. Then we have no fuel, and I have no money to buy coal with. Let what I have written go in this letter sink deeply into your mind, and then act accordingly."

Berlin, Nov. 3.—We are expecting peace within a short time. It cannot come too early, because people are murmuring ominously on account of the increasing cost of living. The morale of the population is very bad, and little is needed to cause a violent outburst among them. Provisions are getting low, and some staple articles are lacking altogether. Agitators already are taking advantage of the general dissatisfaction to excite the people against the government."

Will The German Fleet Come Out?

New York, Feb. 8.—A News Agency despatch from London, published here to-day, says: "Rumors that the German fleet is preparing for its long expected dash into the North Sea reached here to-day from Dutch sources, and aroused high hopes in London that a great naval battle is imminent in the North Sea."

Despatches from The Hague reported that German marines along the Belgian coast are being withdrawn and sent to Kiel. A1 leave of absence of German naval officers have been cancelled, the despatches add.

From Copenhagen came reports of sudden activity at Kiel and rumors reaching Dutch frontier towns that the Germans were about to risk battle.

London, Feb. 8.—The Weekly World says it hears that Field Marshal Lord Kitchener is likely to take over command of the British forces in Egypt, and that the Earl of Derby, the director of recruiting, will be the new Secretary of State for War, with a seat in the cabinet.

The World gives no authority for the report, but says it is in line with recent intentions that Earl Kitchener might withdraw from the war ministry to assume more active duties.

Lord Derby has just returned to London from a visit to the British forces operating in Flanders.

Predicts Kaiser Will Kill Himself

Paris, Feb. 6.—The famous French prophetess, Mme. de Thebes, to-day made the following prediction: "A great victory for the allies will come in March, and the war will end in September. "The Kaiser will have a tragic end. He will probably commit suicide this year. A farmer's son was seized with the desire to become a legal light. Accordingly he went to Springfield, where he was given the chance to read in the office of a well-known lawyer. At the end of three days he returned to the farm. "Well, Bill, how did you like the law?" asked the father. "It a n't what it's cracked up to be," rejoined Bill gloomily. "I'm sorry I learned it."