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**SECRET DIPLOMACY OF VISCOUNT GREY**  
**It Sought to Preserve the Peace by Giving Germany What She Wanted—How It Worked**  
 By GILBERT VIVIAN SELDES  
 Special Correspondent, Evening Ledger

LONDON, Jan. 19.  
 THE passing of Viscount Grey was hardly noticed in the country at large at the time of his death. He had been a member of the House of Commons for 45 years. He had been a member of the House of Lords for 25 years. He had been a member of the Cabinet for 15 years. He had been a member of the Government for 45 years. He had been a member of the Liberal party for 45 years. He had been a member of the Liberal party for 45 years.

**"HE FELL AMONG THIEVES"**  
 THIRTY months ago there was no man in Pennsylvania more respected than Martin G. Brambaugh. He was a giant in the field of better education. He dominated the field in which he labored. Ambition had whispered to him and his brain had caught the inspiration of service. He was beloved by thousands who believed in him, and trusted him, and even gloried in him.

**Germany Was Getting What She Wanted**  
 More serious things were being done in Africa, which were apparently destined to give the world a new era. The world was getting what she wanted.

**TRANSIT ORDINANCE UNDER ANALYSIS**  
 WHO HAVE the proposed transit ordinance under analysis a very searching analysis in order that we may satisfy ourselves that the people's rights are substantially protected.

**CP AGAINST IT**  
 THE world's wheat crop for 1916 was twenty-five percent less than for 1915. There was a falling off in all other cereals. They have not killed enough men in Europe to make the supply for the home equal to the demand.

**THE THIRD HOUSE OF CONGRESS**  
 THE Constitution provides that Congress shall consist of two branches, the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate is made up of thirty-six members. The House of Representatives is made up of five hundred members.

Leonard Wood refuses to criticize the promotion of Doctor Grayson. "Can't man."  
 A teacher of dentistry has made an attack upon the study of Latin in fifty-eight words, twenty-seven of which are Latin.  
 The members of the Manufacturers' Club, where the waiters are on strike, can now sympathize with their wives when the cook leaves.  
 Attorney General Brown says the Governor could burn the money in the contingent fund if he wanted to. He seems to have been doing it.  
 The President's address has made the Senate reluctant to talk. If he would visit that body a little more frequently perhaps the Senate might get the fatal ailment.

Lord Northcliffe intimates that the American soldiers of fortune in the Allied armies are really soldiers with fortunes. Thus do great crises change the meaning of old phrases.  
 Can it be that Senator Penrose has been speculating in war babies? His personal property tax return has been increased by \$175,000 since last year, a pretty tidy sum for a hard-working lawmaker to clear in twelve months.  
 One of the most successful men I have known never carried a watch until he began to earn \$19,999 a year—Charles M. Schwab.  
 Which is only another way of saying that failure cannot aim straight enough to hit a man who is too low to watch the clock.

Wilmington has discovered that "public shamelessness, powerful antagonism and politics" had for many years handicapped the development of the port of Philadelphia. Wilmington is at present employing experts to find out what is the matter with the port of Wilmington. Meantime what has happened in the past is not worrying Philadelphia. All her energies are being expended for the future. By the time Wilmington has found out what has been handicapping her own port Philadelphia will have extended her development to include Wilmington as a part of the harbor of this city.  
 The phrase "freedom of the seas" seems to be peculiarly offensive to some British newspapers. The London Morning Post, commenting on the President's demand for it, rejects the thought that the sea is a great highway open to the free use of all nations and says:  
 This country has earned the right to speak on this matter, for what but the royal navy has charted and kept secure the oceans of the world for generations? The British Empire lives by the sea and will continue to use the sea in accordance with the law of the sea and more ship.  
 Interpreted in the light of British historical practice, this means simply that the sea is a No Man's Land in which might makes right. There was a time when Britain could enforce this doctrine, but unless we mistake the temper of the world that time has passed never to return. The less the British press says about it the better for the British Empire.

**OUR ENILES**  
 It is noticeable that the Americans abound in all sorts of titles and nicknames in the countries in which they dwell. Thus, in Germany they are called "the German cause" is the only righteous one. Those in France are called "the victors of the Allies" are depressed by every defeat. We may suppose that between the Americans of Berlin and the American of London there is a sharp line of feeling between the actual belligerents.

**DEATH PENALTY IN THE BIBLE**  
 Sir—The advocates of capital punishment must affirm that it is in accordance with the divine revelation, which is not correct, for the Bible does not teach any such barbarous practice.  
 Take the case of Cain as an example. Cain at first tried to evade, then acknowledge that he killed Abel, and, realizing the viciousness of man, he said to God, "I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth, and if I shall come to pass that whosoever findeth me shall slay me." But God said: "Cain that if any one should kill him vengeance would be taken on him that killed Cain: and a mark was put upon Cain to protect him."  
 Then there was Moses, who killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. God did not punish Moses for the forfeiture of his life, but allowed him to live and become the great Hebrew lawgiver. And there, too,

**WHAT AMERICANS SHOULD THINK**  
 Sir—I am not an everyday reader of the Evening Ledger, but I read it often. Today, as I glanced over the headlines of the first page, I turned over to the editorial page, and I am so delighted with your article, "Can Democracy Triumph Over Imperialism?" that I feel impelled to express my appreciation of it. I am certainly in full agreement with you, and so should be every thinking American citizen.  
 AMERICAN CITIZEN,  
 Philadelphia, January 24.

**WILSON'S FAME IN 50 YEARS**  
 Sir—I would earnestly advise all your young readers to get out of the news papers and magazines all the most bitter words ever written against President Wilson. They will be worth money some day. You cannot imagine how many times I have been laughed at by young people when I told them how Lincoln was denounced and libeled in the press of his day. They won't believe it. One young chap said to me the other day he would give me \$5 for any such thing. I don't produce, but I am too old to get anything out of the files of old newspapers in my tiny backrooms of libraries. I advise the young folks to look their own minds up. Believe me, they will, when they themselves grow old. And an anti-Wilson scrapbook is a valuable weapon against the know-nothing vanity of youth. AS OLD MAN,  
 Lancaster, Pa., January 23.

**THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**  
 Relation of the Eight-Hour Day to the High Cost of Living—The Bible on the Death Penalty—What Every American Should Think

This department is free to all readers who wish to express their views on subjects of current interest. It is open to all, and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its contributors. It is a guarantee of the public's right to be heard.

THE EDITORIAL BOARD  
 Sir—In today's EVENING LEDGER, the M. B. L. denounces the various labor organizations as selfish, the mine owners and coal merchants who caused death to thousands of men, and the railroad men who caused the strike.

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**McAroni Ballads**  
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**TOMASSO LARONI**  
 Wen I'm een Eetaly, long tima go,  
 Dere was smart gay dat I use' for to know,  
 Strong veech hees moufha, too. Talkt  
 Good-night!  
 Alla time talk like hees crazy for him;  
 Loud lika holler dat's hee'n' veech steam.  
 Eetaly urava vex country for heem,  
 So, et's a crench he can here een dees lan's,  
 Yes, an' I thank I can goin to do him!

Lees'ent Haysante soocha smart gay  
 es he,  
 Mebbe he done Jost da sama like wa,  
 Firs' theent I do here ces ehannin' my  
 an' wa,  
 Bat you my life dat he, ton, done da  
 same—  
 Sure I put de dere een front of Arond,  
 So, too, I bet, dees Tomasson Laroni.  
 Mebbe I hat, et's he com' on my eye,  
 Dees "Tom Laroni" ces jost da anme  
 me!

Dat's alla right; you can laugha, Siganor,  
 Dat's for a weenit, I tal you som' more;  
 You knu' de'ol "agila-prim" ces meen?  
 Dat's word Botton for veen of dees  
 green.  
 Teedra, on'up lonan—see lava dem an'  
 Wat do you call dem een Anglice? You  
 knu'!  
 Dea' wa' you theek w'en da papers oil  
 speak,  
 "Meev'er Tom Laroni ces stron' for da  
 "Leak-"

Dat's alla right; you can laugha, Siganor,  
 I knaw Laroni, I had you, once more,  
 I knaw had, et's he com' on my eye,  
 Dees "Tom Laroni" ces josta same gay

We were glad yesterday to confer a  
 small favor upon W. H. James, the ener-  
 getic and efficient secretary of the Wil-  
 liam Penn Highway Association, even if  
 his letter requesting aid was written  
 I went an hour today with Stuck-  
 leed Gilliam and learned with regret  
 that you are recovering from an attack  
 of pneumonia.

**THE PAST**  
 But this whole subject is not an  
 abstract question for the future. It is  
 a question of life and death now. In  
 judging whether that result can be  
 secured by his methods, it is impossible  
 for us to forget the past—A. Bonar  
 Law on Wilson's speech.

And shall none of the past be forgotten?  
 That sounds like a hoarse, low,  
 Men have died, and their bones are rotten,  
 Whose graves across my England are,  
 And whose ghosts, if they be not forgotten,  
 Might shiver your soul with awe.

**Major Minors**  
 While we mark time, waiting for some  
 one to nominate for this club one who  
 is presently engaged in making good in  
 a major job, we take pleasure in appointing  
 as postmaster, or dean, our handsome  
 friend Charles W. Beck, Jr., who bossed  
 his father's photo-engraving business  
 most successfully long before he cast a  
 vote.

**Cute Kid Stuff**  
 Chaspar Carpenter, of Germantown, was  
 discussing the recent Automobile Show.  
 His wife is more interested in dogs, and  
 she began to talk of prize-winners of the  
 local kennel. Across the dinner-table  
 Alfred C. aged nine, was taking it all in.  
 "Do they give prizes to the best dogs?"  
 he asked. "What do they give 'em?"  
 Bones?"

**Gripping Adventures**  
 The nurse dozed in the sleepy hollow  
 armchair near the foot of the bed. A mo-  
 ment before she had reached up and  
 turned out the electric light over her  
 head. We were glad of the dark, for the  
 bedclothes had been tucked in too close  
 under our chin and we stealthily drew  
 our arm free and stretched it out over  
 the counterpane. The counterpane, a lit-  
 tle off field of white, spread out before us  
 and away, away. \* \* \* The ripping  
 air began to bite and we pulled the lap-  
 robe closer. It was a real buffalo robe,  
 for five days they were not so scarce  
 as they are now. We had no need to  
 hold the reins, anyway, for the horse  
 knew where we wanted to go. Only a  
 day or so before they had found a big  
 village, with a score of us boys, from  
 Villanova College to the old General  
 Wayne on Montgomery pike, where we  
 had lodged upon a dinner of roast pork.  
 \* \* \* We could smell that rich food  
 now. The aroma grew as we reached the  
 inn. It was almost overpowering when  
 we drew up at the door and yelled:  
 "Hello!"

A light flashed and the nurse asked,  
 "Did you call?" We were surprised, but  
 we kept our wits about us. "Oh, no,"  
 we said and pretended to go to sleep.  
 "We will fool her," we said.  
 "We'll drive quietly around to the back  
 door." We chipped to the horses and they  
 dashed away for a mile or so. Then, after  
 muffling the sleigh-bells, we turned back.  
 We drew up at the inn's rear door in  
 silence. Now to arouse the landlord!  
 How could we create a loud noise with-  
 out making a sound? What says Shake-  
 speare? "If twelve were when 'tis done,  
 then 'twere well it were done quickly."  
 So we let out one short, sharp "Hey!"  
 The door opened instantly. \* \* \*  
 The lights flashed and the nurse said:  
 "Surely you called." "Help us out of this  
 sleigh," we said, disgruntled, "and we'll  
 go to bed."

Anonymous contributions are amenable  
 to no human laws and should be de-  
 stroyed on sight, but occasionally one is  
 deserving of decent burial in agate type.  
 This bury in yesterday:  
 "Tom Daly is a column-talker awfully sad to-  
 day. John B."  
 "Yes, Tom's the answer?"  
 "Yes, Tom's well again, and he's writing it  
 himself!"

**The Editor Saves His Face**  
 The name of Mr. Joseph Drexler, brother-  
 in-law, was, through a typographical error,  
 omitted from the list of mourners attending  
 the funeral of the late Mrs. E. Larochelle,  
 reported in yesterday's issue—Quebec  
 paper.

**MANAGER**—A man of 47, honest and without  
 laid claim, in spite of position in city  
 or out, etc. —Ad in est. column.

And if the President's U (topical 5)  
 (varieties) does no more, it caused severe  
 things that had sprung a Leap to sin-  
 temporarily from the first page.