

# SEEKS INFORMATION

## REGARDING ESCAPE

### Senator Cloran Brings up Question of German Prisoners Who Got Away.

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Senator Cloran moved in the Senate yesterday for papers in connection with the escape of German prisoners from the internment camp at Amherst, N.S., and the court martial which followed in Halifax. He said that not only were the prisoners allowed to escape, but their escape was facilitated by the commandant of the camp. Everyone knew this was a fact, but he wanted an official confirmation or denial.

"It is bad enough," he said, "to send our own flesh and blood to fight the enemy in a foreign country without being betrayed at home." He said he had been given to understand that the officers who had allowed the Germans to escape were in the penitentiary or in their graves.

Senator Cloran pointed out that not only in Canada were there betrayers of the allied cause, but there were betrayers in neutral countries, and there had been betrayers even in Great Britain. Three manufacturers there, had sold essentials of war to agents of the Kaiser, and they had been punished as they deserved. The Swiss and the French governments had also punished similar betrayers, but in Canada where there had been worse treachery shown, the facts regarding the officers at Amherst and the punishment which followed it, had been carefully suppressed officially, although many people were aware privately of what had occurred.

The Senator said it was up to the government to stand by Canada and not to consider friendship for any individual. An offence had been committed and parliament and the country ought to know what punishment had been handed out. "Let us have no traitors in the camp, and let not the government support them or shield them," he concluded.