

The Private Life of the Kaiser

FROM THE PAPERS AND DIARIES OF THE BARONESS VON LARISCH-REDDERN

The Kaiser and Kaiserin's Late Major Domo, Chief of the Royal Household at Berlin and Potsdam.

Baroness von Larisch-Reddern is the TRUE name of the Berlin Court Lady who gave the story of the Kaiser to Henry William Fisher, Ursula, Countess von Eppinghoven being a nom de guerre, heretofore used to shield her.

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(Continued From Friday)

"Whee?" goes the speaking-tube. The Kammerdiener of His Majesty announces to the Kammerdiener of Her Majesty that his master has been pleased to enter the breakfast-room, or to step down to the Apollo Hall on the first floor, where sometimes the early repast is served.

His Majesty Must Be Obedient! The effect of the message invariably produced would be amusing if the poor maids were not the scapegoats. Empress, Princess, and domestics all fled and fluttered about like so many frightened chicks; the children were instantly dismissed, and Her Majesty's sharp reprimands spurred the anxious woman to hasty effort.

"The Kaiser is waiting!" It sounds to those who know him best almost like news of a serious ailment or misfortune threatening the head of the government.

At any rate, the Empress usually managed to catch up with her august lord within five or six minutes at the very latest, and the Fatherland is once more safe.

Even their worst enemy, the Prince of Reuss-Greiz-Kranichfeld-Gera-Lobenstein, etc., Henry XXII, he of the Elder Branch, cannot charge the Emperor and Empress of Germany with being gourmands. Though the breakfast consists of four or five courses, including meats, eggs, different kinds of breads and cakes, stewed fruits and marmalades, refined taste would find little of it palatable, greasy and the frying-pan being too much in evidence.

Unless the Emperor was free to take her for a walk or drive, the Kaiserin devoted herself to her children after breakfast. They promenade in the park together or amuse themselves in-door with readings, games, and romance-spinning being one of Her Majesty's strong points.

the boys and the little daughter never grow weary listening to the old tales of Grim and Andersen. But soon, only too soon for the youngsters, the various governors of the puny Royal Highnesses sent it is time to begin with the lessons. Expressions of regret all round, prayers for just one more glimpse into fairy-land, for permission to take a spin on the bicycle or look after the ponies—all chattering at once, kisses, embraces, tears even; but a word from the Kaiserin's lips settles the whole litter: "I will tell papa." And the striplings that expected to command battles in a dozen years or so, scattered after a hasty good-bye.

The Kaiser's Bedroom How often have I been importuned to allow visitors just one peep into this sanctum sanctorum of the Kaiser and his frau—their bedroom. But, of course, no such request could be granted, even were it accompanied by the offer of the richest diamond in the world.

(But now that the Emperor and his Empress are plain Mr. and Mrs. William Hohenzollern it may be permissible to describe their more intimate relationship when they resided in the palace—in fact called some fifty palaces their home.

Napoleon, the first of modern kings, insisted upon keeping imperial Marie Louise under lock and key after she had retired; the only entrance to her room was through a chamber in which the first lady-in-waiting slept, whose bed, moreover, had to be curtained, so that the Emperor, when passing, might see whether she was alone; but in the Kaiserin's bedroom the heads of a mighty nation slept together as unceremoniously and as comfortably, let us hope, as any Herr and Frau Burgomaster or citizen of even lesser importance being in the Fatherland.

I will take you into their Majesties' bedroom. It opened by a richly ornamental folding door into the Kaiserin's study on the second floor of the Neues Palais. It has two high windows, and is lofty and spacious, but sadly lacks the harmony in color and general furnishings that is the main charm of the Kaiser's study.

Indeed, the Kaiserin tired of it long ago, and would gladly have exchanged its treasures, one and all, for new things, though the room was fitted up entirely at her own suggestion. What first upset the Empress was the ultra graceful and exquisite style of Neu-Glenncke, the property of her brother-in-law and sister, Prince and Princess Frederick Leopold of Prussia, the richest of the Hohenzollerns.

This castle, situated near Potsdam, was rebuilt soon after William's enthronement, and, having thoroughly redecorated and refitted the palace in the latest and most sumptuous manner, their Royal Highnesses gave a house-warming. From this Her Majesty returned in high dudgeon, and, on entering her own room, where I was busy arranging some flowers, she exclaimed: "How pauvre it all looks! If one judged mine and Louise's positions from our surroundings I might have taken a more arrogant princess, while my sister would easily pass for the Kaiserin. She has everything of the latest—the German Empress must of centuries scattered among Berlin show-pieces."

Glances Behind the Scenes. A right royal couch was that in which, during the first years of their reign, the Emperor and Empress slept magnificently and stately, a fit companion-piece, with its canopy and curtains, to that world-famous four-poster, the Bed of Ware, which could be enclosed on all sides by tapestries, and whereof the King and Queen retired in full sight of all their retainers lying around on the straw-covered floor with doublets and petticoats for pillows, and "full of comfort, smoking a cigarette and reading a novel by the light of the single wax candle standing on a little table near his end of the couch."

But, lo! "those Frederick Leopolds" acquired modern English bedsteads, and womanlike, Auguste Victoria would not allow her sister to eclipse her in being up to date.

So one fine day the lying-in beds were ordered home from Charlottenburg castle, their usual storage-place, and the antique couch being sent up-stairs, these things of brass and the mode were put up near the windows, to the intense alarm of the physicians, who feared they had made another miscalculation, and of relatives and friends who anticipated a catastrophe like that following the Fasnacht review. Of course, it was a false alarm, and our pretty Princess Louise was "regularly born" on September 13, 1892.

Cradle of Kings Who Are Commoners Now That the Emperor, at the bottom of his heart, had his doubts as to the propriety of using a common factory-made bedstead as the cradle of kings, is evident from the fact that for some time these brass affairs had to be removed every morning, while in their place the Elizabethan couch was set up; but the order, which evoked no end of dissatisfaction among the servants, gradually fell into disuse, and in later days the triumph of brass over stately splendor was complete.

As every domestic arrangement in the palace was fashioned with a view to insure the preservation of the Kaiser's health, the doors and windows near the imperial bed are doubly screened by heavy portieres, summer and winter; for the faintest possibility of draughts was dreaded, and even the down quilts and blankets were so fastened at the bottom and sides that their Majesties must needs crawl into bed one leg at a time, there being only a breadth of about twenty inches left open. Before the imperial couple retired our household went through a series of routine work. Above all,

His Majesty's nickel warming-pan must be heated to the proper degree and placed at his right side of the bed. That was done all the year round, except in July and August. Next, folding screens were so placed as to surround the bed on all sides, and woe to the chamber-woman who forgot to draw any of the numerous curtains, portieres and other devices for excluding a breath of air. For cases of emergency, a pair of long woolen stockings, white cloth knickerbockers, jack-boots, a flannel-lined pea-jacket, soft hat, and gloves must be placed ready on one corner of the lounge that is at the foot of the bed, and a similar "accident toilet" was provided for Her Majesty.

A Good Joke On the Kaiser I recall an amusing experience which shows that Queens are very human after all. The Kaiser was about at the manoeuvre with the King of Saxony. Her Majesty, to kill time, which never hangs more heavily upon her hands than when her husband is away from home, conceived the idea of painting the basket set in the Kaiser's bedroom a bright lilac. It was to be a surprise for William upon his return.

"Before we go to bed, I will ask the Kaiser's consent to a whole regiment of wicker chairs. But this matter little, seeing that, after several cans of mixed paint and a bottle of turpentine had been consumed, the Emperor's consent was complete. It was the day before William was expected back.

"But will they be dry in time?" asked the Dame of the Court, Countess Koller, when all the ladies of Her Majesty had been called together to view this first attempt at household decoration.

"Certainly," said the Kaiserin, with a laugh; "Kammerdiener Luck made inquiries for me at the paint store, and I followed the directions to the letter."

Next evening their Majesties retired. The Empress's little program seems to have worked to perfection till—but let Her Majesty tell her own story.

"As sooner were the lights on," reported Auguste Victoria the following day, "and while I myself was settling down in the second bed, then I saw the Emperor start up half asleep, and with his hands and other portions of his body thickly besmeared with pigment that, I felt to my horror, also adhered to my body."

"This is a sorry joke," he shouted in high temper. And neither explanations nor excuses were of the slightest avail.

"The Kaiser Needed Turpentine" "Ring turpentine." That is all he would say.

"I awakened Haake, and told her to order Madame von Larisch to send up a bottle of the stuff; but, needless to say, she had none on hand. Then the Emperor demanded that one of the body gendarmes ride into town and fetch a bottle. Like a sloop, he awakened the apothecary only to be told that he must go to a drug store. Drug stores, as you know, have no night-bells, and are not obliged to serve customers after the ordinary closing time. It took the gendarme a full hour to get what he wanted, and even then he was obliged to invoke aid from a military patrol.

"The next thirty or forty minutes I spent in cleansing my lord's legs, arms, and hands, and afterward poor Haake had to do the same for me. It was the most miserable night I ever experienced."

These intimate little glimpses give us a true view of the real William Hohenzollern. I might go on endlessly with humorous relations of his comings and his bravado "at home." But let us give his wife, Auguste Victoria (now Mrs. Hohenzollern) the first chance of her life. (The next articles will be devoted to her.)

TARIFF CHANGES LOOM IN SIGHT

Republican Control of New Congress Promises Revision

Washington, March 24.—Beginning with the passage of several minor amendments to the Underwood tariff law at the extra session of Congress to begin in June, for the purpose of protecting some American industries developed during the war, the Republicans expect in the next two years to put the tariff rates back to a scale approaching the old Payne tariff law.

This will mean an average increase in all import duties of about 15 per cent at valorem. The Underwood bill, passed in 1913, levies an import duty of about 3 per cent ad valorem. The Payne tariff law, passed in 1890, levied an average of 18 1/2 per cent. That was a reduction of about 25 per cent in the rates imposed by the Dingley bill, passed in 1897, which it succeeded.

The war-profits taxes and the excess-profits taxes in the new war revenue bill, which impose a very heavy burden on numerous big business concerns, may be repealed by the Republicans at the extra session. This intention is clearly indicated in statements made by the Republican leaders in the House since adjournment of Congress. Such men as Representative Joseph W. Fordney, of Michigan, chairman-elect of the Ways and Means Committee, and Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, and Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, the ranking members on the committee, have expressed their firm opinion that the tariff will be raised all along the line.

Amendment Not Needed to Cover the Monroe Doctrine

Paris, Saturday, March 22.—Thomas W. Gregory, former attorney general of the United States, who is advising the peace conference commission on the League of Nations with reference to legal phases of amendments which have been proposed to the covenant, takes the view that it is not necessary to introduce a specific amendment affirming the Monroe doctrine. He holds that the doctrine is sufficiently protected by the instrument as it stands, but as a matter of expediency he sees no objection to introducing a general proviso which would safeguard the doctrine without specifically mentioning it, as a specific mention would introduce a controversy over the specific wants of various states.

Wealthy Brewer Back From Germany First Time Since War

Newark, N. J., March 24.—Gottfried Krueger, millionaire brewer of this city, who after going to Germany in 1914 at first refused to return to America because he believed the United States would not serve relations with Germany, and who later was detained there by ill health, arrived at his home yesterday. He returned to this country on the Holland-American liner Noordam, which docked at Hoboken this morning.

Poles of Alberta Wish to Become Canadian Citizens

Edmonton, Alta., March 24.—The Poles of Alberta wish to be recognized as good Canadian citizens. A delegation representing 2,000 Poles in the province waited upon Premier Stewart and presented a petition asking that they be counted as citizens and not as aliens.

Freight Service to Belgium Is Resumed

Philadelphia, March 24.—The Philadelphia-Antwerp service of the Lloyd Royal Belgium Steamship Company was inaugurated Saturday with the sailing of the Belgian steamship Persier from the International Mercantile Company's pier, foot of Washington avenue. This vessel, the first to leave this port for nearly five years with a general cargo of merchandise, will go out with nearly 7,500 tons. She is in command of Captain Arfsten.

Shiremanston Boy Tells of His Work in France

Luther A. Gher, serving in France with the American forces, presents some interesting occurrences in a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. Robert Wentz of Shiremanston. He says: "I sleep on the fourth floor in the corner of the floor. I have three blankets on the floor and with the other two I cover myself. I use my coat and a couple pairs of socks for a pillow. It is not like the bed I had at home. I rest good on it. I don't think it will be long until I can rest in the good old bed I had at home."

Private Kaley Writes of Sightseeing in France

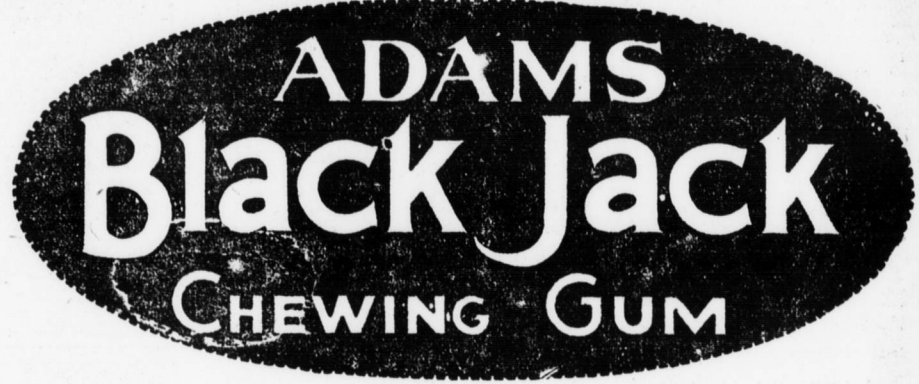
Private William B. Kaley located at Nice, France, tells of some of the interesting sights he is seeing in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Rudolph Kaley, 107 North York street, Mechanicsburg. He says in part: "The city of Nice is beautiful and has many large and fine buildings. The Casino that is being used by the Y. M. C. A. is a very large and magnificent building. It includes a large reading and writing room, a moving picture and vaudeville theater, a pool room, a restaurant, a dancing floor and other amusements. There is also a Y. M. C. A. canteen in the building at which they sell Hershey's Chocolate, Wrigley's Chewing Gum, Cakes and tobacco. During the day there are band and orchestra concerts and in the evening vaudeville, moving pic-

tures and dancing, always something going on. This Casino extends out over the sea on a pier and was used for a gambling house before the war. Just outside of this building is a very beautiful park called the Massena Place. "The scenery is very beautiful. It took about an hour and a half to get to Monte-Carlo. The first thing we visited there was the gymnasium and swimming pools. The interior of this building was of marble and the floors of the gymnasium are of polished wood. It contained all kinds of mechanism for exercising various parts of the body. "We passed down through the town of Monaco and ascended to the Prince of Monaco's Palace on the top of the hill. This building is very old, the foundations having been laid in the year 1182. We then went over along the sea wall where the guide pointed out what is known as the "Sidiida Tenn" and

am sure that if anyone leaped down on the rocks in the sea below there would be little chance of the not being killed.

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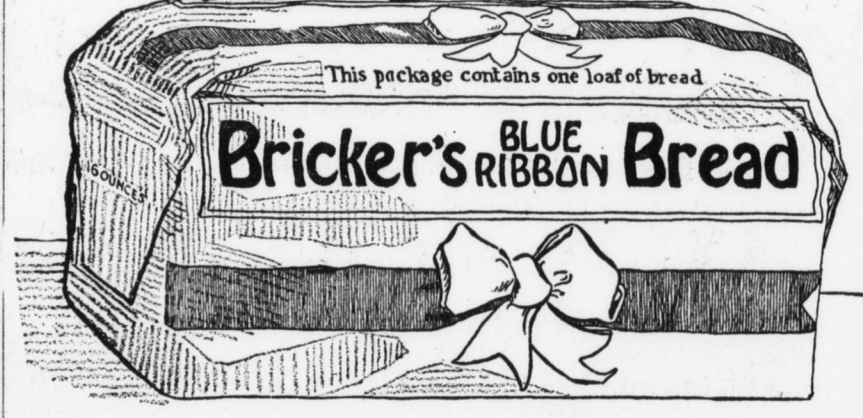
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St. Louis, March 24.—The jubilee convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association was opened informally here last night with the reception of delegates by the directors. The convention will continue through the week, with three sessions daily.

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