

The Private Life of the Kaiser

FROM THE PAPERS AND DIARIES OF THE BARONESS VON LARISCH-REDDERN The Kaiser and Kaiserin at 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.

Thompson Feature Service, 1919. Copyright traveling numerous instances of "extravagance." These servants—think of it!—had a ten English breakfasts in England, instead of the customary coffee and milk and London prices for beer, which are considerably higher than those prevailing in Potsdam. So the bills were ruthlessly cut, and the next salary day saw many clenched teeth, many tears, when it developed that the difference between the advance and the reduced bills had been deducted from the wages. It is not quite safe to mention the jubilee year among the ex-Kaiser's former servants. The continual trips of servants between Potsdam and Berlin were responsible for everlasting quibbles between the employes and the treasury. Count Puckler, when in charge of the traveling accounts, issued an order commanding all members of the united retinue to utilize zone-tariff trains only, as their rates are considerably lower than those of fast trains.

The men and women would comply with this request, but could not always do so on account of the urgency of business intruded upon them. When, afterward, the bills for railway fares were presented, the most abominable rows ensued, and servants and maids would frequently sue Court-marshal's office very frequently suffered the loss of their advances rather than fight for what was due them. It is not to be thought that they dared not attempt to prove their case, it being against etiquette to invoke the testimony of their Majesties.

It often happened that the Kaiser or Kaiserin ordered an attendant to proceed to the capital instantly. Now, if the Court-marshal doubted the command, the correct way would have been to inquire of the Kaiser or Kaiserin, but that would be against tradition. Besides, to call in doubt an employer's veracity is easier. So, by making the Kaiser a present of part of the money advanced to the Kaiserin, he could help to support the spectacle of imperial splendor enacted before the world—the many marks and pieces of wrung from them contributed to the royal radiance that blinded onlookers.

What do you think of William, Emperor of Germany, when he learns that servant girls' wages were no more safe from him than pupils' funds in Belgian banks? When it is revealed that in the midst of the winter he confiscated his valets' stipend as unbecomingly as the poor box in a French village church during the war? Can you imagine an Empress clamoring in vain for a couple of toothbrush-handlers? Well, Auguste Viothrus wanted some for a week ago, but the Emperor could not get any. "I will have them today," said the Empress. "Send for them." I did so then and there, and reported the order every morning for an entire week, but only on the afternoon of the tenth day were the holders produced. If you can imagine all this time to scrape together \$3 necessary to procure the much-needed articles, and Her Majesty had made twelve separate and distinct rows about the matter. Imperial Niggardiness Run Mad. Scenes and annoyances like these, growing out of the Emperor's holding of necessary funds were not limited to demands for extras. We went through the same farce every time a piece of china or glass was broken, for the Emperor had no duplicates of such necessary articles as wash-pitchers, bowls, pails, soap-dishes, or water-bottles. When one of these things in the Kaiserin's chamber, for instance, was smashed, her chief tier woman had to carry the pieces to the household manager, who laid them before the House-marshal, who laid them before the Court-marshal, who laid them before the Kaiser.

When the Kaiserin's linen was sent to other cities, they had to pay for their transportation out of their own pockets. Neither did they receive money for expenses. I remember that Count Eulenburg, my superior officer, at one time dispatched four maids from Berlin to Homburg to prepare the old Schloss for a visit of the Emperor—one with linen, another to take care of the silver, the rest to put the rooms in order. They stopped at Kronberg overnight and borrowed money right and left, to procure food, because they had spent their last money for railway fares, and they were not getting on in Homburg until the kitchen crew arrived from Berlin; that is, three or four days later. Count Eulenburg, to my utter amazement, bore out the women's pleas. "Where should the money for advances come from?" he said. "We pay all company accounts at the beginning of the month, and what is left must be held at the Kaiser's disposal!"

And the grand mistress, Countess Brockdorff, explained: "We cannot get along without these forced loans." But I think the marshal's office might be more discriminating. Only single men and girls should be sent on journeys for the preparation of the Kaiser's little money put aside. The salary of our people that are married is usually spent during the first week after pay-day, and if ordered away, they have to borrow to get to the place of destination.

More Money Pilfered from Servants. In all the years I served William and Augusta, Victoria, the royal attendants received an advance on their mileage and traveling expenses only once, namely, when Prince and Princess William, accompanied by an immense suite, went to Queen Victoria's jubilee.

With Choir and Organist

In Zion Lutheran Church, beginning April 26, a series of post-Lenten organ recitals will be given on the splendid instrument. The first recital will be given by the organist of the church, William E. Bretz, Mrs. Edwin J. Deceve, soprano, and musical director at Zion Lutheran, will be the soloist. The series will continue for several Saturdays.

Joseph Bennett, the great French organist, is to give a recital in the First Presbyterian Church, York, on Tuesday evening, April 22. Members of the Harrisburg Organists' Association will make the trip from this city to hear the distinguished musician. They probably will go in automobiles, although this had not definitely been decided to-day. The organ upon which Bennett will play is a Hutchings four-manual and was the last one to be built by the famous firm.

The choir of Augsburg Lutheran Church will sing Maunders' cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," on Thursday evening, April 17. The soloists will be J. P. Gibson, tenor, and Roy Mathias, baritone, both of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and Miss Kenney, soprano, of Augsburg choir.

Unusual interest was manifested in the work of Mrs. Howard E. Gensler at the recital given in the Stief warehouse hall in North Second street, on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Gensler is soprano soloist of Derry Street United Brethren Church and her splendid voice is heard almost every Sunday either in individual or

Sunday Schools of Hill District to Observe Children's Weekly

The Sunday School workers of District of the Children's Division of the International Sunday School Association, and twenty ministers of the Hill district, are planning to observe Children's Weekly in the Protestant church in North Third street, which includes all the Sunday Schools of the Hill district. The program, which will start the week with the singing of "The Work of an Infantry Chaplain," will feature the recital of "The Pastor will preach in the morning on a subject of great and striking interest, Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday." He was rejected by the people and crucified. The Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, who serves as chaplain with the 104th Infantry, will speak to the members of the church on "The Work of an Infantry Chaplain." Chaplain Imbrie is one of the three chaplains whose names are on the roll of service at Manila during the war.

The Allison Hill Sunday Schools have had three preliminary meetings and plans are being perfected for a thorough-going observance of this great week. Announcement of the plans will appear later in these columns.

CAMP CURTIN SERVICES. Tomorrow being "Palm Sunday," the pastor will preach on "The Triumphant Entry" in the morning and in the evening, at 7:45, the sermon will be "Salvation, What is It?" at Camp Curtin Memorial Methodist Church. The subjects for evenings of the week will follow the history of the day's doings and travels of the Master. They are: Monday, "Day of Authority;" Tuesday, "Day of Controversy;" Wednesday, "Day of Silence;" Thursday, "Day of Fellowship;" Friday, "Day of Suffering;" Saturday, "Day of Resurrection;" Sunday, 10:30 a. m., the pastor will preach an Easter sermon on "The Tremendous Contingent, If," at 2 p. m., special program in the Sunday School, and at 7:45 p. m., a fine Easter program by the Sunday School entitled, "The Life Abounding." Special Easter music and flowers will feature Easter Sunday. A special canvass is being made to urge all the members to attend these services.

FOR SUNSHINE SOCIETY. The Roberta Disbrow Lloyd Sunshine Society will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Frederick E. Downes, president, urges a full attendance as plans will be discussed for Easter work.

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REBEL CHIEF IS LURED TO DEATH BY ENEMY TRICK

Body Will Be Buried in Tomb Holding Those of Other Leaders in Revolt

Mexico City, April 12. — General Emilio Zapata, the rebel leader of Southern Mexico, news of whose death reached this city yesterday, was killed Thursday morning during an engagement between his troops and government soldiers who had by a ruse entered his camp at Hacienda Chinemeca near the village of Petalcingo, Morelos.

Zapata Suspected. The government soldiers, under the command of General Pablo Gonzalez, pretended they were a part of the Fortieth Regiment, which had come to join Zapata's forces. When Zapata was asked to review the men he became suspicious and took with him a large number of rebel troops. This prevented the carrying out of the plan and resulted in a general fight. Zapata fell, with many of his followers. A number of government soldiers also lost their lives.

The government is taking unusual precautions to establish the fact of the rebel leader's death. Official photographs have been taken of the body, which has been viewed by many who knew Zapata, and depositions have been required from those taking part in the battle. The body will be buried in the Zapata tomb at Tlatitlan, Morelos, which was erected some years ago to receive the bodies of all those who signed the Zapatista covenant, known as the "plan of ayala." In this tomb are buried many rebel leaders who have died during the past ten years, including Eufemio Zapata, brother of the chieftain. It consists of a great stone pedestal in the base of which are a number of burial compartments. Little is known of Zapata's early

life, except that he was born about thirty-eight years ago. He began life as a groom in the employ of Ignacio de la Torre, nephew of the late President Diaz, who owned one of the largest estates in Morelos. He became a revolutionist for the purpose of securing reforms in the laws pertaining to landed estates which would favor the peasants but later his fight against the government degenerated into an indiscriminate slaughter of everyone except Zapatistas.

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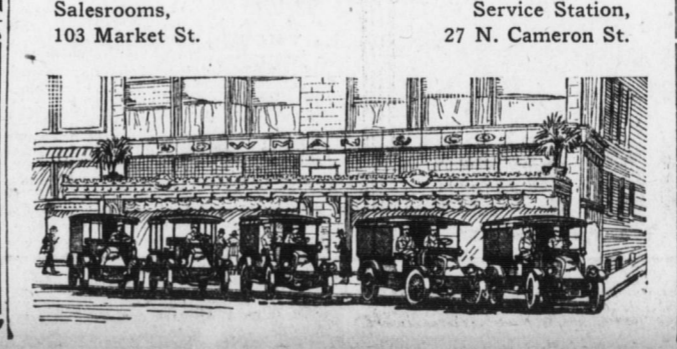
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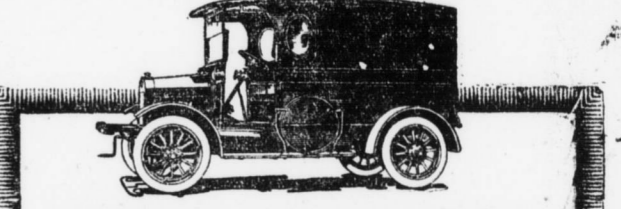
here yesterday and began planning for the 1920 campaign. Announcement was made after the meeting that following the Victory Liberty candidate for re-election. It is planned to go into every county in the state to rouse up the Democrats. Lawrence H. Rupp, Allentown, presided at yesterday's meeting. Among those in attendance were: Charles P. Donnelly, Philadelphia; H. A. Jackson, Chester; H. E. Sherwood, Meshoppen; Joseph I. Weaver, New Oxford; E. B. Zimmerman, Shamokin; Joseph Brennan, Lackawanna county; John F. Short, Clearfield; W. Wayne Hindman, here, will not be overlooked. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, it is understood here, will not be a

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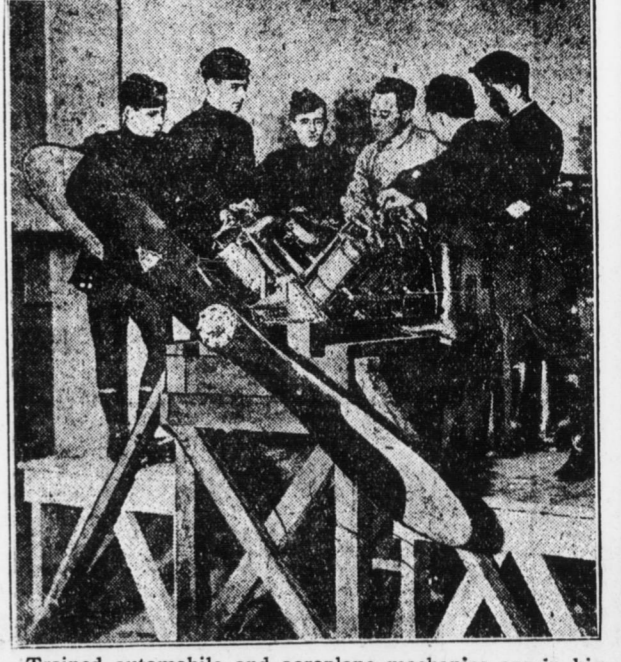


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