

The Private Life of the Kaiser

FROM THE PAPERS AND DIARIES OF
THE BARONESS VON LARISCH-REDDERN
 The Kaiser and Kaiserin's Life 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 nem de guerre, heretofore used to shield her.

In revolution, the anarchists sold the Kaiser's uniform to an enterprising Hebrew. His Citz clothes they stole for themselves. There were enough to fit out hundreds of these ragamuffins.

300 Military Uniforms
 The Kaiser owned a set of uniforms for each of the three hundred and odd Prussian regiments, horse, foot, and artillery.

Besides the ones appurtenant to the Bavarian, Wurtemberg, and Saxony contingents, also those of the Austrian, English, Russian, Rumanian, Bulgarian, Spanish, Turkish, and Swedish armies that enrolled his name as colonel, general, or field-marshal—the proprietor of such an official wardrobe needed, of course, most extensive store-rooms for the multicolored, tasselled, and gold-laced treasures, and they that were magnificently cared for goes without saying.

Vanity Makes Him a Tyrant
 The Kaiser was supremely happy when strutting about in any one of these gorgeous uniforms. Space forbids minute description of the interesting collection, which, moreover, could never be complete, as the European military minutaur, feeding on seven millions of men annually,—the original in the Cretan labyrinth was satisfied with seven youths and an equal number of virgins,—kept on expanding; in other words, as new types of uniforms and arms were constantly invented and added.

And when I say that the Emperor owned uniforms of all Prussian and almost an equal number of foreign regiments, don't forget that he was lord of the sea in Germany, Great Britain, Russia, and Sweden,—dignities that carry with them the ornaments of hats, gloves, dagners, blue cloth, and silver and gold lace galore,—I do not refer to the garments alone, but include all the ornaments, badges, sashes, side arms, caps, helmets, czakos, bushies, zapkas, burganets, sabres, cuirasses, shoulder-points, knots and epaulettes, silver cords, belts, cartridge-cases, laces, etc., belonging to gala, full, and fatigue accoutrements.

All these innumerable and expensive accessories—a single pair of shoulder-knots often cost more than the uniform itself—must always be on hand and ready for use at any given time, as bright and as good as new.

Real Art Shuns Warlord's
 A real warlord's, the great Frederick's entire wardrobe was "sold to a Jew for three hundred Thalers,"

and among the lot were the identical coat, breeches and boots he wore at Rossbach. When, to come down to our own period, the late William the First desired to be photographed in the uniform of his bodyguards, one of his officers had to lend him a cuirass, His Majesty refusing to go to the expense of buying one. And these monarchs won more battles than the present Kaiser earned, or even offered, racing-cups, fake and otherwise.

As Lafayette raised a frigate and crew at his own expense to assist the young American republic, so could William have equipped the marines of a first-class battleship, or the officers of ten army corps, from his wardrobe without being reduced to nakedness.

The imperial peacock owned likewise scores of costumes adapted to various sports, numberless uniforms of yacht clubs in Germany and England, and last, but not least, an astounding array of plain clothes, with accompaniments of hats, gloves, ties, cane, shoes, buttons, and scarfpins, which for each suit were especially selected, forming part of the garment, as it were.

A Megalomaniac on Parade
 But this overabundance of things was far from embarrassing the megalomaniac, who, quite to the contrary, enriched this rainbow becloud of organized vanity, tinselled in spots and real in others, where the lion's skin edges the fox's and the hare's, by a new and original effort in cut and color, and which was occasionally bestowed by royal warrant upon some much-envied nobleman as a mark of special favor.

The valet and two dressers were constant attendants in the uniform room from early morning till night, so that the Kaiser was able to change his uniforms with the same celerity as his mind.

I recall how a certain young English Princess brought up the question of the Kaiser's inaptitude for the military with a vengeance.

The widow of the Red Prince, the late Frederick Charles, of Metz fame, was saying:
 "If William has ever been able to resist a sudden impulse to any deed, no one in or out of his family heard of it."
 "Some years ago he made his wife chief of cuirassiers, and designed a coat for her. As proprietress of this crack regiment, Auguste Victoria is entitled to the insignia of a

general; but the Emperor, unthinking as he is, beamed upon his lieutenant's epaulettes. Think of it,—a lieutenant leading a regiment before the war-lord in parade, a lieutenant presiding at the state banquets in the officers' mess.

"On another occasion, when the Russian craze had hold of him, he issued an order compelling the officers of the General Staff to attend desk-work in riding-boots. They did so for a day or two; but, finding it impossible to continue their studies in the evening, they combined among themselves to disobey the command and resumed ordinary foot-gear.

Military Blunders a Mockery
 "But then, thoughtless as all his military blunders was his cabinet order creating your grandmother" (and the old Princess bowed with a smile and accompanied the English woman), "Queen Victoria, Chief of the First Dragoons."

"Young Mrs. Aribert," as Louise of Anhalt was familiarly called at the time, was seen to be struggling for words.

"Tut, tut!" appressed Her Royal Highness the little frebrand, placing one hand on Louise's knee, "no disrespect to Her Majesty, I assure you. The stupidity was all on my grandnephew's part. He named the First Dragoons 'Queen of England Dragoons' just one hundred and eighty-two years, less two months and twenty-nine days, after the union between England and Scotland went into effect and the realm became officially known as Great Britain."

Everybody in the room sat speechless for a while until Princess Aribert said, half-pleadingly: "But, dear aunt, the change in the nomenclature that eventually had to be made caused no great havoc, I trust."

"Oh, no!" replied the Princess. "His Majesty did not suffer the least inconvenience on account of that error; but the taxpayers who had to pay double for the initials 'A. V.' on the helmet buttons, and who were greatly edified by the blunder, and so did the officers who for similar reasons were several thousand marks out of pocket."

Cheating Army Officers Like Servant Girls
 The Kaiser's invitations to the festivities in honor of the late Kaiser Wilhelm's one hundredth birthday prescribed costumes of the end of the eighteenth century, for 400 young army officers, and during a reception at the Schloss, Princess Radziwill spoke of the great difficulties that many army men experienced to procure the necessary costumes.

"These gentlemen have had a month's time to prepare for my pageant, and I would advise none to be laggard in complying with my commands," said the Kaiser, haughtily. "If there are not enough tailors and embroiderers in Berlin, the work can be sent elsewhere."

"With Your Majesty's permission, it is not the lack of hands and needles, but the scarcity of 'spontinicks' that interferes. A great many of the younger officers, especially, can ill afford to spend six to seven hundred marks (\$150 to \$175) on a uniform that becomes useless after a few hours' wear."

"And where did Your Grace acquire all this valuable information," resumed the Kaiser, bowing and accentuating each word with a sneer. "Anywhere, everywhere. They talk of nothing else at the clubs." Princess Marie's French blood was up. "I felt like repeating to him what Pauline Metternich told the Empress Eugenie: 'I was born a grand dame, and I allow no one to ironize me,'" she said afterward.

The Kaiser shrugged disdainfully. "If it is necessary to cloth my guests, as well as to feed them, I will appropriate twenty thousand marks to help your impecunious friends to pay for their costumes," he said, and at once changed the subject.

The promise had, however, been heard by everybody in the assemblage, and as all of us numbered at least one poor relative or friend among the four hundred officers, it is not strange that the affair gained wide publicity.

The news seemed to spread throughout Berlin and Potsdam like a piece of local intelligence. On the strength of it, the young rones of the Union Club doubled their stakes, and the same night, "William-the-Bountiful's" health was drunk in numerous mess-rooms and beer-halls by youthful members of the aristocracy and army men whose greatest care had suddenly and unexpectedly been lifted off their shoulders by the Kaiser's words,—lifted to descend again, its weight doubly by chagrin and disappointment, in the course of a few weeks, for, to quote one of Wilhelm's nephews, "The twenty thousand marks' pledge proved to be an illusion, if not something worse," as a snare.

Kaiser Drives Army Men Bankrupt
 "With reimbursement guaranteed, as they thought, the officers commanded to the tableaux vivants spared no expense in their costuming. The most magnificent silks and velvets, this valued gold and silver embroidery, were worn by everybody, rich and poor. We don't mind paying a couple of hundred marks ourselves in excess of the Kaiser's 'highest satisfaction,' argued these whole-souled young men.

"The result was the happiest—for William: a display gorgeous and luxurious far above expectations. And when it was over, the Emperor expressed his all-highest satisfaction, and went—hunting. He had seemingly forgotten about the twenty thousand marks, and no one dared remind him of his promise."

As Lord Burghley said to Queen Elizabeth: "those who would make tools of Princes are the tools themselves!"

Court and society had not yet ceased talking of this exhibition of bad faith, when the Kaiser startled the whole country by another incident.

As his brother Henry was about to embark for England in the man-of-war Koenig Wilhelm, the Kaiser sent him a despatch expressing regret that he had no better ship to give him, "because those untrustworthy scamps in the Reichstag refused me the necessary funds."

There was a great deal of speculation in the public prints and in political circles as to the authenticity of the despatch quoted, and the majority of courtiers even inclined at first to the belief that Prince Henry had overstepped his authority when he read the imperious message before his officers, for the Prince, though tolerably good-natured and not bright, has the reputation of a mischief-maker, and it would be just like him to set parliament by the ears at his brother's expense if there was the slightest warrant for doing so.

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Pierced 13 Times in Same Wound With Bayonet, Says Report

London, April 14. — Reports of Bolshevik atrocities in the Perm district which have dealt largely in generalities now have been supplemented by statements of results of an investigation by Siberian authorities which British officials regard as authentic. They deal with 123 specific cases of death and torture and the examination of 52 bodies of persons alleged to have been killed by Bolsheviks.

One of the worst cases described is that of a girl 19 years who was changed in December, 1918, with espionage. She was tortured by being pierced thirteen times in the same wound with a bayonet. She lived, however, and has made an affidavit to these details.

One group of twenty-two were killed at Irbit by Letts and afterwards the Bolsheviks continued to

Hitchcock Predicts Senate Will Ratify Treaty as Amended

Washington, April 14. — Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, retiring chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, in a statement last night declared that the changes made in the league of nations constitution as officially announced in Paris, would remove virtually all objections to the covenant. He predicted that the peace treaty containing the league covenant would be ratified by the Senate.

"The changes that have been made in the league of nations covenant," said Senator Hitchcock, "are very satisfactory and are conclusive answers to all the objections that have been made to the plan. I think

they remove most of the objections that have been raised by senators. Where the constitution had been a little indefinite it has been made definite and certain. It is materially improved in form and language. President Wilson has won a great victory."

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The Kaiser as a Military Despot—Ridiculous as a General, But a Good Enough Clotheshorse—His Stores, After William Ran Away, Full of Uniforms and "Citz" Clothes—The "Reds" Dressed Up in the Latter, Sold the Uniforms—William Didn't Know That His Grandmother Was Queen of Great Britain—Why the Army Didn't Care For the Cheating Warlord—Sponging on Army Officers—Kaiser's Foolishness on the Field—Scolding the Empress in Public—Kaiser Drove Officer to Suicide After the Latter Had Whipped Him—When the Kaiser Drank to Forget

(Continued From Saturday)

Borrowing the smile from another reference of his, the Kaiser used to say he would like "to see the entire military force of the Fatherland personified in one being, that he might practice on it as on a lay figure," march, turn about face, take the ditch, prostrate yourself, stand on your head.

But considering that the Reichstag has a voice in the matter of public expenditure, His Majesty was forced to be content to keep but two adjutants continuously employed.

These gentlemen, together with the members of the military household, including representatives of all arms and of the navy, rarely left his presence.

Their office adjoined His Majesty's wherever the court was established. In the Neues Palais it was situated on the ground floor, facing the barracks—a not very spacious but dull room covered by a gray carpet and furnished with a number of red damask armchair placed in front of writing desks.

The Kaiser always loved the pomp of pretense and the parade of war. As everybody knows, he never tired of arraying himself in full regiments several different times per day so he might admire himself dolled up in military style.

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Our business has increased wonderfully, notwithstanding the fact that many workers are idle and no doubt others have been, and are restrained even now from purchasing on account of a fear that their working activities might necessarily be curtailed somewhat in the near future. We have been busy enough to suit us and to please us, and for this reason our advertisements have not appeared lately as regularly in the newspapers as heretofore. We, however, feel the necessity of using the newspapers occasionally as a means of keeping our name before the people and telling them what we are doing, and we just want to say now that this store is bigger and better to-day than it has ever been before. If you are not using it or visiting it as a means of supplying your home needs, or even as a means of keeping yourself informed as to values, though you may buy elsewhere, you are doing yourself an injury. We expect to be busy this entire year.

We believe that the present retrenchment in industries was but a temporary affair and is practically over now, and will be quickly changed into an era of prosperity for everyone. We are working along these lines ourselves, are buying and selling more goods than ever before, and have really been compelled within the past three months to materially increase our own force of help. We think there must be one big special reason for our own prosperous business and we attribute this condition to our fixed, unalterable policy to always try to give our customers the very best values for their money that we can find in the market in Home Furnishings.

You may not see our advertisement in the newspapers for some time. If you do not, we want you to remember that when Furniture or Home Furnishings come into your mind, that you should not omit from your consideration the large stock to be found in this store.

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