

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 nona de guerre, heretofore used to shield her.

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[Continued from Yesterday.]

Epistles of this sort kept Auguste Victoria in a turmoil, the Emperor having refused to be disturbed after perusing one or two of the kind.

Thereafter letters postmarked from any city or place where the "damned Hohenlohe curmudgeons reside," had to be delivered to the Kaiserin, whether addressed to William personally or not.

The adjutants left rags of that kind by the hand of morning after morning at the Empress's rooms, and Her Majesty's morbid curiosity, made her not only notice these grievances and accusations, but study them, ponder over them. Only once have I seen her unconcerned when thus employed,—at the suggestion that Uncle Chlodwig needed a big salary, in order to live in the style befitting his rank.

"Uncle Chlodwig a pauper!" she cried. "That is news, indeed; a poor man owning residential palaces in several capitals, and castles and country-houses all over Germany and in Austria!"

Princes Are Above the Law
"Of course, the statement is ridiculous," said Baron von Mirbach; "but it is a fact, nevertheless, that His Grace has been sorely disappointed with respect to his Russian properties, or rather his wife's Russian inheritance, the Wittgenstein domains. The law prohibiting foreigners from holding property in Russia has forced him to dispose of many miles of territory at ruinous prices."

"I know," said the Empress, "and am glad that the Kaiser promised to intervene with the Czar on that account. 'Nicky,' I am sure, will arrange matters satisfactorily."

"The Prince's relatives seem to know nothing of such an understanding," I remarked.
"Of course not," replied Her Majesty, "for it is a state secret which, when I come to think of it, I should have more respected. But now that it is out, let me bid that my husband's promise to secure a favorable settlement of those Russian affairs did more than all other arguments toward persuading the Prince to accept the Chancellorship."

"Poor Nicky," He was tireless in arranging unlawful matter for his relatives and friends. Indeed he worked at that game until he himself was made an end of—lawfully or unlawfully, no one seems to know at this writing.

On the eve of the day when the Kaiser said at the swearing-in of recruiting "by donning the King's coat you have become something aristocratic," an unsigned letter admonished him in this style:
"Your Majesty ought really not be so hard on Hohenlohe on the salary question, considering that you have but to ask your wife's mother about the good uses Hohenlohe makes of his wealth. If it had not been for 'Cousin Chlodwig,' the Duchess Adelaide and her children, among them the present German Empress, might have gone hungry many a day while the Augusten-burger was fighting for his throne."

That evening the princely couple of Meiningen, Duke Gunther and the hereditary Princess of Hohenzollern, took supper at Court, and to these relatives the Kaiser showed the letter.

"I am thinking about ways and means to stifle this new scandal," he explained. "The report—whether true or not is immaterial—that the German Empress's mother accepted charity from a Hohenlohe must not be allowed to spread, and I see but one way to prevent it: those salary-grabbers must be appeased; the income of Emperor's lieutenant must be restored to the Chancellor."

"I am going to grant Hohenlohe an annual augmentation of his salary, amounting to one hundred thousand marks out of the imperial emergency fund."

This was a fund appropriated by the Reichstag for the benefit of crippled soldiers, widows, and orphans, and of the victims of fire, storm, and elementary misfortunes, and the Kaiser gave one-twentieth part of it to his rich and able-bodied uncle!

Some three months later the Berlin Post, known as the organ of the foreign ministries, published a story purporting to correct a paragraph printed in an obscure Socialistic sheet, hinting at a conspiracy between Kaiser and Chancellor to defraud a public fund. And, with the clumsiness that distinguishes the official press, the Post, denied the

bers, the Duchess had each pitcher, bowl, and soap-dish numbered according to a schedule she carried around everywhere and guarded as a treasure. Number one is for her right foot, number four for her left hip, number seven for her right elbow, etc., the even numbers for the left, the uneven for the right side of her body. And woe to the chambermaid who upset this order of things by placing a left side bowl with a right-sided pitcher, which might happen easily enough, seeing that most of them were of the same color and pattern.

On one occasion Her Majesty had given orders that only fourteen toilet-sets be placed in Her Highness's apartments, somebody having told her that her mother might be altogether weaned of her craze if once she could be persuaded to get along with less than the accustomed number.

"If my son-in-law," she said, "is too poor to provide for his guests they must try and augment the shortcomings of his house, adding, disgustedly: 'and that calls himself an Emperor!'"

As her Highness pronounced these words, she threw her sponge into bowl number eleven," reports Roeder, who also volunteered some interesting information respecting the section of the Duchess's anatomy labelled XI.

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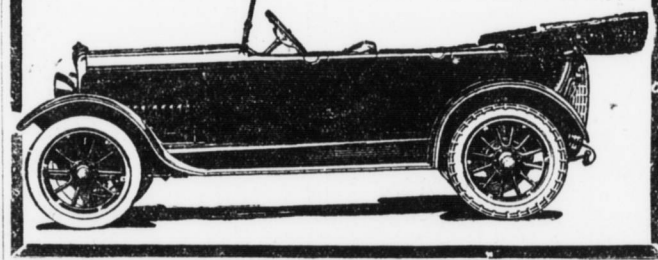
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Colonel Logan said that former German Samoa had been self-supporting since New Zealand military occupation. In 1917 trade increased over that of 1916 by over \$1,000,000; and the figures for 1918 would have been a record but for the epidemic of influenza. The increase in trade is now nearly all with the United States. And, said Colonel Logan, needs a basin and wharf where vessels may discharge cargo in any weather instead of having to discharge in the open roadstead.

SIDNEY DREW WILLS ESTATE TO WIFE
New York, April 19.—The will of Sidney Drew, the actor, filed yesterday, was written on an ordinary sheet of notepaper in his own handwriting. It bequeaths all his property to his wife, to dispose of as she may see fit. The value of the estate was not given.

British Lieutenant, Who Talked With the Dead, Quits as College Head
London, April 19.—Sir Oliver Lodge, the British scientist who ten years ago startled the world with his as-

sertion, that communication could be established with the dead, has announced his resignation as principal of Birmingham University.

"I intend," he says, "to devote the remainder of my life to the problem of the ether of space in both its physical and psychical relations. In the region of conjoint physics and psychology there is much work to be done."

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