

# 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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The seven wash-sets were smuggled into Her Highness' apartment in paper boxes to hoodwink the servants, and were then placed in Princess Feo's wardrobe. Her Highness, however, did not see them when she paid her daily visits to the Duchess.

Adelaide used to indulge in the wash craze twice daily, before second breakfast and after supper; sometimes, on her "critical days," she rose as early as half-past four to commence operations. One day, the mania seized her at 5 a. m. She jumped out of bed, without taking time to put on even a petticoat, and ran into the corridor, shouting for the girl to bring water. The noise awoke the Princess Feo and Roeder, who tried to persuade Her Highness to go back to bed, but the old woman turned upon them with a flood of invectives that would have done honor to a fish-wife. When, finally, the overseer of the corridor arrived, he found three half-naked women engaged in a fierce battle, the two younger ones trying to force the other to re-enter the apartment, while she clamored for hot water at the top of her voice. "Water, water, I am dying for water! Only nine pitchers are filled! Give me twelve pitchers of hot water!"

**The Ungrateful Child**  
 In the Empress's room conversation once turned upon the subject of complexion. "To what, do you think, does Feo ascribe her mottled skin?" asked the Duchess in her usual blunt manner, and all of us began to look sharply to our needlework. Her Highness repeated the question, and then answered it herself: "Because," she grinned—"that is Feo's explanation — because I won't let her sleep at night, and awaken her early in the morning. Now I should like to know whether I am not entitled to my daughter's company while engaged in my toilet? Roeder and the girls have to sit up while I wash, but Feo is allowed to go to bed, or remain abed, where I visit her from time to time for a snatch of talk. I mean to entertain her, as well as myself, and this ungrateful child says I am muddling her complexion."

If for some physical or mental reasons the abolition of the toilet Her Highness, she has paroxysms of rage that seriously threaten her surroundings. Then she smashes furniture, howls like mad, and falls upon her maids if she gets the chance. As a rule, though, her girls are selected with a view to bodily strength, and it has been asserted that they give fit for fit whenever their mistress essays to maltreat them. It would not be the first time that a royal lunatic was subjected to violence. George III of England was soundly thrashed by his valet, whenever, during his intermittent fits of lunacy, the latter got a chance to even up things. For every lout that the man had got when his master was in seeming possession of his senses, he kicked George three when the latter was strait-jacketed. Such is human nature.

On one of her visits, the Duchess brought in her retinue two newly-engaged maids; they were to do night service for the first time at the Neues Palais, while another set had to attend Her Highness's morning wash. Whether these girls had not been properly prepared for the ordeal, or, performed their work badly I do not know; there was an awful rumpus toward twelve o'clock, and next morning it was learned that the girls had run from the building, never stopping until commanded to do so on pain of death by a sentinel.

Then they threw themselves on their knees, and screamed for mercy. The poor creatures thought they were in a Bedlam; their royal mistress, finding herself short one pitcher of water, had suddenly metamorphosed into a fiend incarnate, had assailed them biting, scratching and throttling.

**"Managing" Kaiser's Mother**  
 Miss von Roeder alone knows how to manage the Duchess. She is very energetic, strong-minded and strong-limbed, and capable of enforcing orders at all hazards. Once the Duchess Adelaide expressed a desire to have her room in the parlor, Roeder replied with her usual "No, thank you."

"But I will have John in the salon, or anywhere else, if I see fit. Am I not the Duchess of Schleswig-Holstein?"

"I know," answered Roeder, doggedly, "but that notwithstanding, Your Highness will not entertain a hostler where I am."

"You impudent cat," cried the Duchess. "You think you can give me the end of your tongue because that tu-penny son-in-law of mine encourages you?" At the same time she carried a chair to the window, opened it, and placing one foot on the sill, added: "Now will you let me have John?"

"Why now?" asked Roeder.

"Because, unless you ring for him at once, I will jump out." Roeder never quivered. Nonchalantly waving her hand toward the window, she said: "Jump, Your Highness, and I will enjoy a holiday. I will have my salary for life, you know." Her Highness did jump, but onto the floor. "Damn you," she hissed, "I would rather live forever than do you a good turn."

There is no denying the Duchess was at times rather eccentric, yet in some respects she showed good judgment. For instance, she always referred to her son-in-law as "that d— Pig-Dog, Kaiser."

And how she loved the Prussians! Here follows a specimen of her table talk on that subject:

"At the Princess of Courland's," I heard her say to the Kaiser at luncheon one day, "I saw the Countess Sobieska, and recognized her at once as an old friend, though I haven't seen her for thirty years and more."

"My dear, I said to her, I think I first met you at the Empress Eugenie's in that dear garden, before those confounded Prussians drove her from her throne as they did my husband."

"And why, pray, did you permit your two daughters to marry those confounded Prussians?" demanded Sobieska.

"Because at the time we were too confounded poor to pitch the Pig-Dogs out of doors," I told her, "and (raising her voice) "that's God's truth."

It may have been—but William

# WOOD TO MAKE NEW ATTEMPT

Will Repeat Attempt to Cross Atlantic in an Air-ship

Holyhead, April 21.—Major J. C. P. Wood and his navigator, Captain C. C. Wylie, who came to grief in their flight from Eastchurch to Ireland on the first leg of their trans-Atlantic flight, will repeat their attempt as soon as their machine is repaired, or another machine put in condition for the long journey. If by the time they are ready, other aviators have flown over the Atlantic, they will try their best for record time.

Major Wood and Manager Kemp, of the Short Company both attribute the surplus flow of petrol, which brought about their descent, to a defective carburetor. They say the engine was perfect. The airplane will be sent by rail to Rochester, and repairs are expected to occupy about a fortnight.

Neither the pilot of the Shamrock nor the navigator is the worse for the adventure, and neither man is disheartened. Describing the accident, Major Wood said:

"Until we reached Holyhead the engine had been running splendidly. I took control, and starting across the channel, we climbed to 2,000 feet. We were twelve miles out when the engine stopped suddenly, as though throttled down. But I found the throttle open, and, as the

engine refused to restart, returned for shore and settled in the sea half a mile from the shore. The machine tipped its nose, and for a moment I was submerged. I was thrown out of my seat, but Wylie did not go under, as he was in the back seat.

"Meanwhile, Parker, in the accompanying airplane, seeing us in difficulties, landed in a field and got assistance."

Manager Kemp added that the planes had been damaged by their long submergence, but that the flight had proved that the speed of the machine was quite as good as, and even better than, had been expected.

# Bolsheviks in Home! Region Yield to Ukrainians

London, April 21.—The first Bolshevik army, operating in the region of Home, along the Pripiet river, has surrendered to the Ukrainians, according to a statement issued by the Ukrainian press bureau and forwarded from Vienna to the Central News. Up to the time that the report was forwarded, 20,000 rifles, 35 guns and 200 machine guns had been handed over to the Ukrainians.

**NO REPORT OF FONTANA**  
 Paris, April 21.—No reports were received to-day from Lieutenant Fontana, who started early Saturday morning from Villacoublay, France, for a flight to Casablanca, on the west coast of Morocco, from where he purposes to attempt to fly to Pernambuco, Brazil, by way of the Cape Verde islands and the St. Paul rocks.

# Noted Mechanical Engineer Dies; Was Inventor Many Times

New Haven, Conn., April 21.—Charles B. Richards, noted mechanical engineer, who was Higgins professor of mechanical engineering at Yale University for twenty-five years and emeritus professor for the past nine years, died at his home here yesterday at the age of 85 years. Before the age of 30 he invented the improved steam engine indicator, for which France made him a chevalier of the Legion of Honor. He was one of the founders of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1881.

Professor Richards was born in Brooklyn. Before the Civil War he was connected with Colt Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, in Hartford but went to New York. When the Civil War broke out he returned to Colt's plant as assistant superintendent and consulting engineer. He remained until 1880, when he went to Philadelphia to be superintendent of a machine company. In 1884 the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale offered him the Higgins chair of mechanical engineering and Mr. Richards gave up his business life. Besides the steam indicator he perfected a platform scale testing machine and was granted patents for microscope appliances. He was consulting engineer in the construction of the state capitol at Hartford and several Yale buildings.

Use McNeil's Cold Tablets. — Adv.

# U. S. Casualties in North Russia, 528 Since September

Archangel, April 21.—Since landing on the Archangel front last September, the Americans have suffered 528 casualties. Of these 196 were fatalities, there having died of disease or been killed nine officers and 187 men. The wounded consist of twelve officers and 320 men.

The losses of the Americans on the north Russian front during the past month have been extremely light as most of the recent fighting was done either by the newly formed Russian troops, who are campaigning bravely, or the British.

# New York City Buys \$100,000 Worth of Bonds in First Hour

New York, April 21.—Greater New York opened its Victory loan campaign to-day at one minute past midnight, when in the "Argonne forest" in Times Square, Governor Smith set the ball rolling by purchasing a \$1,000 bond. The great crowd which had gathered to witness the actual launching of the drive, cheered for several minutes. Approximately \$100,000 worth of bonds were sold within the first hour. After Governor Smith had finished speaking, brief addresses were made by William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, and others. Among the first to buy bonds after Governor Smith were

# WILSON'S SHIP AT BREST

Brest, April 21.—The U. S. transport George Washington, which sailed from New York for France on the orders of President Wilson, has arrived here.

# A First Class Auto at a Very Low Price

Our stock is now complete. Every auto has been marked at a big saving — every car is in A-1 condition. Roadsters, Touring Cars, Runabouts and Trucks, every make known in 1918-1917-1916 Models from \$250 to \$1000.

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## Dainty Philippine Envelope Chemise Reduced In The Sale

Hand-embroidered and hand-made envelope chemise, fashioned of fine nainsook.

**\$6.95 garments. Special, ..... \$5.95**  
**\$6.50 and \$5.95 garments. Special, \$4.95**  
**\$5.00 garments. Special, ..... \$3.95**

**Lower Prices on Nainsook Gowns**

\$2.95 slip-over nainsook gowns, square and V yokes, kimono sleeves or sleeveless. Special, ..... \$1.95  
 \$2.95 square yoke, nainsook gowns, trimmed with embroidery and lace insertion, kimono sleeves trimmed with lace edge. Special, \$1.95  
 \$2.95 nainsook gowns, neck trimmed with lace insertion, lace edge and ribbon; kimono sleeves, trimmed with lace insertion and lace edge. Special, ..... \$1.95  
 \$2.95 V neck nainsook gowns, sleeveless, front trimmed with embroidered medallions and lace insertion, neck and shoulder strap. Special, ..... \$1.95

## A Sale of "Red Cross" Mattresses

Important savings in mattresses are made possible through the lowered prices which obtain during this week.

**Combination felt mattress ..... \$13.50**  
**Combination moss and fiber mattress ..... \$10.75**  
**Combination Fiber mattress ..... \$6.95**  
**Red Cross white felt mattress ..... \$19.00**  
**Red Cross silk floss mattress ..... \$24.00**  
**Red Cross curled hair mattress ..... \$34.00**

## Table Damask, Pattern Cloths, Napkins

Attractive Values In The After-Easter Sale

Items that we may not be able to duplicate again this season are offered in the After Easter Sale at savings indicated by these specials:

70c mercerized table damask, 2 yards long, Special, yd., ..... 50c  
 \$3.00 linen table damask, 70-inch, Special, yd., ..... \$2.49  
 \$2.00 imported mercerized table damask, 72-inch, Special, yd., ..... \$1.49

\$4.00 cotton pattern cloth, 2 yards long, Special, ..... \$3.50  
 \$5.00 cotton pattern cloth, 2 1/2 yards long, Special, \$4.50  
 \$1.50 round scalloped table cloths, Special, ..... \$1.29  
 \$5.00 linen and cotton napkins, Special, dozen, ..... \$4.50

## \$6.00 Oxfords for Women Down to \$4.85 In The Sale

Made of patent colt and black kidskin with five eyelets and long vamps, plain, fashionable and serviceable. Other savings of noteworthiness:

**WOMEN'S OXFORDS**

Women's \$4.00 Black Kidskin Five-eyelet Oxfords, long, plain toe. Special, ..... \$3.25  
 Women's \$3.50 Patent Colt Pumps, narrow toe last with or without straps. Special, ..... \$2.85  
 Children's \$2.00 Black Kidskin Button Shoes, broad toe lasts. Special, ..... \$1.75

## A Whirl of Underpriced Notions

Bringing Economies This Week's Buyers

Best Yet Dress Shields. Special ..... 29c  
 Sew-on Hose Supporters. Special ..... 15c  
 Silk Seam Binding, black and white. Special ..... 12 1/2c  
 Sanitary Dress Protectors. Special ..... 30c  
 Sanitary Napkins. Special, dozen ..... 50c  
 5c Dress Fasteners. Special, card ..... 3c  
 10c Shoe Trees. Special, pair ..... 6c  
 50c Skirt Gauges. Special ..... 39c  
 Black Mercerized Darning Cotton. Special, 2 balls for 5c  
 American Twilled Tape. Special, bolt ..... 5c



For Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
 An Important Selling of  
**Jersey & Serge Frocks for Spring**  
**\$20 \$25 \$27.50 \$30**

Ordinarily we wouldn't be able to offer wool Jersey and serge frocks at such remarkable prices — but this week calls for a special merchandising effort, involving fine quality items, so these beautiful, serviceable dresses have been reduced in price.

Regularly their prices are \$25 to \$39.50 — the savings are \$5.00 to \$9.50.

There are a great many styles. The business woman, the teacher — any woman who wants a fine quality dress for less than she would ordinarily pay should visit the outergarment section tomorrow, Wednesday or Thursday.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor

# GINGHAM WEEK

National Gingham Week  
 Now Being Observed

Beginning today and continuing until Saturday, gingham week is being observed by the stores which lay claim to the finest stocks of American and Scotch ginghams.

In our display are to be seen ginghams from the Scotland mills of the two Andersons — David & John and William — and these ginghams are to be found in Harrisburg only in our wash goods section.

Dress ginghams in fancy plaids, checks and stripes. Yard, ..... 25c and 30c  
 Dress ginghams in fancy plaids, checks, stripes and plain shades. Yard, ..... 35c  
 Dress ginghams, 32 inches wide, in fancy plaids, stripes, staple patterns; also plain shades. Yard, 40c  
 Wm. Anderson ginghams, made in Glasgow, of fancy plaids, stripes, checks, staple patterns; also plain shades. Yard, ..... 60c and 75c  
 D. & J. Anderson gingham, the best gingham made; in fancy plaids, stripes and plain shades. Yd., \$1.25  
 Silk gingham in fancy plaids; 32 inches wide. Yard, ..... \$1.30

## After Easter Sale of Dress Goods in Colors and Black

\$4.50 wool plaids, 48 inches wide, in twenty good styles of plaids will be offered in the sale at, yd., ..... \$3.95  
 \$4.50 wool Jersey cloth, 54 inches wide, in fifteen good shades, yd., ..... \$2.75  
 \$6.00 cape serge in navy blue, 58 inches wide, yd., \$4.50  
 \$2.75 French serge, 44 inches wide, in navy and other colors, yd., ..... \$2.39  
 \$2.50 wool santoy, 42 inches wide, yd., ..... \$1.98  
 \$1.98 wool poplin, 40 inches wide, in full range of colors, yd., ..... \$1.69  
 \$1.25 French serge, 42 inches wide, in navy, Copenhagen and grey, yd., ..... \$1.00  
 \$3.50 navy serge, 50 inches wide, yd., ..... \$2.69  
 \$6.00 suede velour, 54 inches wide, yd., ..... \$4.50  
 \$6.95 covert tricotine, 56 inches wide, in tan and grey, yd., ..... \$4.75  
 \$7.50 tyrol wool in Oxford, tan, Pekin, taupe, yd., \$4.75

## Union Made Overalls Reduced

\$1.65 Steifel blue pin stripe apron overalls, union made, sizes to 50. Special ..... \$1.35  
 \$2.25 blue denim apron overalls, union made, apron and pants style, sizes to 50. Special ..... \$1.55

12 1/2c red handkerchiefs, fast color. Special, 9c; 3 for ..... 25c  
 15c blue handkerchiefs. Special, ..... 12 1/2c  
 20c large blue and red handkerchiefs. Special, 18c; 3 for ..... 50c  
 50c and 60c Brownie blue overalls, bib and shoulder straps, sizes 2 to 7. Special, ..... 39c  
 10c khaki handkerchiefs. Special, 3 for ..... 15c

## Thousands of Handkerchiefs for Women Reduced In The Sale

All kinds of fine cotton handkerchiefs, including embroidered corners in self and colors. Sold by the half dozen or dozen only at these reduced prices—

Lot No. 1—6 for 25c; 12 for ..... 45c  
 Lot No. 2—6 for 45c; 12 for ..... 85c  
 Lot No. 3—6 for 55c; 12 for ..... \$1.00  
 Lot No. 4—6 for 75c; 12 for ..... \$1.45

Linen Handkerchiefs—  
 6 for 85c ..... 6 for \$1.00

## It Will Be A White Summer With These Fabrics So Low In Price

And the choice of styles is of the best. The dimities are in attractive stripe and check patterns, the batistes are sheer and soft and the poplins, nainsooks and longcloths are of the most desirable texture.

30c Cambric, 36-inch, Special, yard, ..... 25c  
 50c Voile, 44-inch, Special, yd., ..... 30c  
 19c and 25c Dimity Checks and Stripes. Special, yd., ..... 15c and 19c  
 58c Imported Japanese Crepe, 36-inch, Special, yd., ..... 49c  
 79c Plain Gabardine, 36-inch, Special, yd., ..... 69c