

THE KAISER AS I KNEW HIM FOR FOURTEEN YEARS

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THE KAISER'S DUAL PERSONALITY

The Kaiser frequently accused the Americans of being dollar-worshippers and the English of being ruled by Mammon, but that by himself was not totally unkind of the value and power of money was clearly revealed by the manner in which he catered to people of wealth in recent years.

The richest man in Berlin and one of the richest in Germany was a Hebrew coal merchant named Friedlander. The Kaiser ennobled him and made him von Friedlander-Fuld. Another wealthy Hebrew to whom the Kaiser catered was Schwabach, head of the Bleichroeder Bank, one of the strongest private banks in Germany, and he,

too, was ennobled, becoming von Schwabach.

A number of other wealthy Hebrews in Germany were also honored by the Kaiser in another way. Although he was averse to visiting the homes of private individuals who troubled social standing, he departed from his rule in their favor and visited their mansions ostensibly to view their art collections, but actually to tickle their vanity.

Shortly after Teishman became American ambassador to Germany, the Kaiser called on me.

"Your new ambassador's daughter is the best-looking young lady who has attended our court in many a day," he declared. "Half a dozen of my young staff officers are very anxious to marry her. Can you tell me, Davis, whether these Teishmans have money?"

If the Kaiser despised the American propensity for money-making, he was certainly not averse to acquiring American dollars.

He told me once that every trip the Hamburg-American liner "Amerika" made from New York to Hamburg resulted in transferring \$150,000 from American to German pockets, and added: "We're mighty glad to get some of our American money. I can tell you."

Of the Kaiser's versatility I had convincing evidence. In his conversations with me we usually wandered from subject to subject in the most haphazard manner, and he invariably displayed a surprising store of information on every topic we touched, and I am not vain enough to believe that he was so anxious to make a favorable impression upon me that he prepared for these discussions in advance.

Indeed, the Kaiser discussed so freely almost every subject that suggested itself that I often wondered what his advisers would have said had they overheard our conversations. His readiness to talk to me was undoubtedly due to a tendency he had to trust everyone with whom he came in intimate contact. For a man who was apt to have so many enemies, he was less suspicious than any one I had ever met. He seemed to trust everyone, and his sense of security loosened his tongue, made him more talkative, perhaps, than was always discreet.

The Kaiser was very fond of listening to and telling stories with

a point and would frequently invite me to tell him any new one that I might have heard. Some of the stories we exchanged were more or less risqué and would be out of place in these pages, but I do not mean to intimate that there was anything very much amiss with them. They always amused him very much and he was quick to catch the point.

He told me a story once that he thought was particularly good:

A father and son were sitting in a beer garden drinking. They had had perhaps more than they could well handle, when the son asked:

"Father, how will I know when I'm drunk?"

"When those two men sitting on yonder seat look like four men to you," the father replied, "then, my son, you will know that you are drunk."

"Thank you, father," the son replied, "there is but one man on that seat!"

"Speaking of intemperance suggests a word or two about the Kaiser's habits in that respect. He told me that for years the strongest drink he had indulged in was an apple champagne which contained no alcohol, and which was specially prepared for him. The reason for his abstinence was given to me by one of my patients who was in a position to know whereof he spoke.

He said that when the Kaiser was a younger man he had been accustomed to indulge in strong liquors, and so had a headache on one occasion, while on his yacht in Norwegian waters, he had imbibed somewhat too freely, and while under the influence ordered the captain to alter the course, which would have placed the vessel in serious danger. To have disobeyed would have meant incurring the Kaiser's displeasure, as his command was law. Rather than risk the destruction of the vessel and its occupants, however, the captain disregarded the Kaiser's instructions and the vessel ashore procured a bicycle and rode down a hill which carried him over the edge of a precipice to his death. The shock of this tragedy, the story goes, turned the Kaiser against liquor of all kinds, and he has never since indulged.

The Kaiser's sense of humor frequently exhibited itself. He told me of a conference between representatives of all the powers regarding the selection of a king for Albania after the Balkan war. Some of those present thought the incumbent ought to be a Catholic, others insisted that a Greek Catholic was essential, still others maintained that a Mohammedan would be most logical.

It seemed quite impossible to come to any agreement as to just what religion the King of Albania should profess, and the Kaiser had ended the discussion, he said, with the suggestion:

"Well, gentlemen, if a Protestant won't do, and a Roman Catholic won't do, and a Buddhist is out of the question, why not select a Jew and call him Jacob the First? He'll have his throat cut, anyway, in three months!"

The powers did not select a Jew, but the Prince of Wied, the Kaiser's nominee, was put on the throne, and within a month or two afterwards had to flee for his life.

In referring to Roosevelt's patriotic offer to lead an army in France, the Kaiser declared that he admired him for his courage and zeal.

"I hear," he said, "that he is now on his way to Italy. It is too bad we did not postpone our offensive there. Perhaps he might have captured him. Wouldn't Teddy look funny in a gas mask?"

Shortly after the U-boat Deutschland made its successful trip to America, the Kaiser called on me and he was in a very jocular frame of mind.

I happened to mention to him that I planned to go to America the following summer in connection with the porcelain tooth I had patented.

"Well, it won't be necessary now," Davis, he commented, "we can send the Deutschland over and bring back a boatload of teeth!"

"Fix my teeth well, Davis," he declared on another occasion, "so that I can bite them. There are lots of people I would like to bite!" And he snapped his jaws together in a way that would have felled ill for the victims he had in mind, although his remark was evidently more facetious than vicious.

The opera singer, whom he had just seen in the part of "Aida," he said: "You play the part of a king so well, Griswold, I am sure you would be my most dangerous competitor"—a compliment whose full significance can be appreciated only by those who know how keenly the Kaiser enjoyed playing the king himself, and how incessantly he played it.

The courtesy and affability which the Kaiser almost invariably displayed in his relations with me did not prevent him on one occasion from showing his indignation when I touched upon what was evidently a very sore point—the part that America was to play in the war, although he always claimed to be unperturbed about the American situation.

He had pointed out that America at that time had only 30,000 men in France and he believed that the U-boats would effectively prevent any great addition to our forces abroad, if, indeed, they ever left our shores.

"As a matter of fact, however," he added, "your countrymen would be very willing, no doubt, to fight for their country to protect it from invasion, but I don't believe you'll ever get many of them to leave home to fight abroad. America will really be a very small factor in the war, Davis."

"Your Majesty is underestimating the power of America," I replied.

He turned on me indignantly, and in his most imperious manner exclaimed:

"We underestimate no one! We know exactly what we are doing!"

How seriously he was mistaken in this respect, has since been sufficiently proved.

No matter how gloomy the outlook for Germany, the Kaiser seldom showed concern. It is true that when worse things were going wrong, as when the Russians in the early part of the war were sweeping everything before them in their advance on the Carpathians, he and the rest of the royal family kept as far in the background as possible, whereas when the German cause was triumphant, as in the case of the offensive against Italy, he could not make himself too conspicuous at the front.

But even when Germany's adver-

sity was greatest, the Kaiser always put on a brave front. At such times, I have seen him stop in the street, after leaving my office, and before the hundreds of people waiting outside to greet him, ostentatiously put a cigarette in his mouth and light it. Why didn't he move to save the women and children on the Lusitania?

At the same time, on one or two occasions when the war started, I noticed that he acted differently when in the dental chair than had been his custom when everything was serene.

Before the war, he would talk to me incessantly during my work whenever its nature enabled him to do so, and yet when I was all through and had hammered the last piece of gold into his tooth, which I sometimes made instead of a cast inlay, and announced, "Now, your Majesty, I am through," he would frequently remark: "I'm forestalled."

"Do you know, Davis, you hammered exactly 135 pieces of gold into that tooth. I counted them!"

After the war, however, he paid little attention to what I did for him, and I assumed that his mind was far away, turning over perhaps some of the dire problems with which the people were so often contemplating, or the misery he had caused, and I did not disturb his reflections.

The Kaiser once boasted to me that not a building was erected in Germany, nor a bridge built, nor a street opened, nor a park laid out, but what the project was first submitted to him. He kept posted everything that was going on, not only in Germany, but in the world at large, and as far as he was able, I am convinced that he was in every development of world-wide importance. I cannot imagine that he was less interested in what his countrymen were doing in connection with the war than he was in their achievements in time of peace.

If he did not actually order the sinking of the Lusitania, therefore, I am convinced that he was thoroughly aware of the plan to blow it up and sanctioned it. That he could have averted it if he had been prompted to do so is clearly indicated by another incident which left a very deep impression upon me.

I was informed by one of the German aviators that plans had been made to drop gas bombs on London which contained a deadly gas which would penetrate the cellars of houses in which civilians were in the habit of hiding during air raids.

Shortly after the war, the idea was to be put into effect the papers announced that bombs of this character had been dropped by the allies on Baden-Baden, but that, unfortunately, they had fallen in a clump of woods in the center of the town and had failed to explode, which had given the Germans an opportunity to take them apart and ascertain their nature.

The purpose of this announcement, of course, was to forestall the storm of commotion which the Germans knew would follow their use of the bombs on London—a ruse which they had invariably employed whenever they contemplated some fresh violation of the rules of international law and the dictates of humanity.

It happened that one of my patients resided in Baden-Baden, and called to see me the day after the bombs had been dropped on her town, and she told me all about it.

"The aeroplanes which dropped the bombs had been flying over the city all the morning," she declared.

"We thought they were our own machines out for practice and paid no particular attention to them. Then they dropped the bombs and they landed in the woods, and we knew we had been attacked. What a dreadful thing for them to do!"

"What a foolish thing for allied aeroplanes to do—spend a whole morning studying the layout of the town and then to drop those deadly bombs on a clump of woods where they could not possibly hurt anyone, and how careless of the Germans not to molest them while they were engaged in their devilish work!"

But the point I wanted to bring out was this: these gas bombs were never used on London!

"Just as everything was in readiness for the raid, the Kaiser told me regretfully, "we received orders direct from the Kaiser to hold off—I saw his signature to the order. Of course, there was nothing for me to do but comply, but if we had had the Kaiser there, I believe we

would have strung him up by the neck! We still have three bombs, however, and you may be sure they will yet be used!"

For some unknown reason the Kaiser stopped the use of those lethal gas bombs for the time being. Why didn't he move to save the women and children on the Lusitania?

(To Be Continued.)

Germans Use Skeleton Torpedoes in U-Boat Work

An Irish Port, Aug. 16.—The Germans in their extremity to make their raw materials for munitions go as far as possible have stripped their torpedoes until they are bare as skeletons compared to the former efficient mechanisms.

It seems that the idea of the Germans is to gain the highest possible explosive power and to eliminate the delicate and expensive propelling and steering apparatus. This has been done at the cost of accuracy and range of fire and at the same time enhances the danger to the U-boats by forcing them much closer to their target than would be necessary if the older type of torpedoes were used. But it has resulted in a great saving of copper and brass and doubtless has facilitated quantity production.

Under normal conditions a torpedo

Await Maj. Gen. Carter to Head Meade 11th Division

Camp Meade, Md., Aug. 16.—Major General Jesse M. Carter, appointed to command of the Eleventh division now in process of organization here, is expected to be here immediately and assume command of the division. A great many promotions among officers are expected in a few days.

The Eleventh division will, in all probability, spend the winter training period in France. There are now more than a sufficient number of men in the training battalions of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth depot brigade to fill all of the units of the new division.

The quartermaster and ordnance departments will equip and supply the regiments for service overseas, and when Thanksgiving day rolls around the men will eat their turkey back of the lines in France.

A school for typists for the sanitary corps is to be opened in connection with the medical supply depot school.

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