

# The Private Life of the Kaiser

FROM THE PAPERS AND DIARIES OF  
**THE BARONESS VON LARISCH-REDDERN**  
 The Kaiser and Kaiserin's Late Major Domestique, 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.

**The Kaiser's Annual Four Millions Insufficient to Keep Him Out of Debt — Slow in Paying Bills — Her Majesty Without Income—Constant Wrangles Over Money — Kaiser's Lack of Sense of Money Values a Mental Defect — His Miserliness With Servants—Penuriousness and Extravagance By Turns — Woeful Lack of Business Capacity—German People Refused to Support His Extravagances — The Truth About the Caelph Fund — Kaiser's Private Fortune Should Be Confiscated as He Confiscated the Private Fortune of a Conquered King**

The Baroness von Larisch's disclosures as to the finances of the Hohenzollern family, reveals another side of their complicated affairs. It is rumored that during the war, they smuggled large sums of money into Holland and neutral countries. How, where, and when they got this money has not been disclosed.

It is sufficient at this time to establish the fact that although the Kaiser had an income of \$3,757,186 per year; also a vast amount of private property, castles, forests, and estates, out of which the Court and Royal Family were paid — he was always "broke."

Was he really "broke," or what was the why and wherefore of his pretending to be "broke?"

sort happened a few months after the entronization, when my mistress ordered me to buy a little bed, together with the necessary clothes, for Prince Oscar (born July 27 that year). It was my good fortune to find at Mosse Brothers, Jaeger Street, the exact article Her Majesty wanted, and when the bed was sent up she was greatly pleased.

"We will keep it right here," she said, "and, that there may be no misunderstanding, take the bill and order it paid immediately."

"And since when are ladies of the court authorized to make purchases without previous estimate by this office?" asked the Baron, after listening to my request.

"I don't know," I answered, "and, besides, I have not come here to answer riddles."

"Then," said the house-marshal, icily, "accept my compliments, together with the information that this bill is irregular, extravagant, and unnecessary; hence it will not be paid. The body can sleep in his cradle six months longer, by that time we shall be able to buy him a bed in the regular way."

"It will do him no harm, and give me much satisfaction," said the Kaiser.

"Of course, I reported the case to my mistress, word for word, and such an impossible in the 'highest' walks of life. At first, the Kaiserin intended personally to give the Baron a piece of her mind, but that plan was discarded as doing too much honor to the official; then the grand-mistress, Countess Brockdorff, was ordered to write him a letter, demanding payment of the bill, and upon his reiterated refusal the information was sprung upon him that he had been making war upon the Empress herself, instead of her ladies, as he thought.

Of course, that altered the case. Baron Lyncker's drawer was all at once alive with crisp blue bills, and there was no higher pleasure for

him in the wide, wide world than to discharge obligations for the "all-highest children." As to his remarks that the cradle was good enough for the baby, they were more pleasant, and he was "amazed that I had taken them for anything else," etc.

This matter of finance and business is clearly a deficiency in William's mental make-up; as some people lack the sense of locality, so the Emperor happens to be destitute of a proper comprehension of values.

Units or tens, three, seven, or eight naughts:—William saw no distinction between them. Prince Stolberg tried to make him understand that the Reichstag people deal with millions, while we at court must be content with using tens and hundreds of thousands, if it comes high, but it was a mere waste of breath.

Maybe that explains, in part, at least, the Kaiser's callousness in the matter of German casualties during the great war. When Ludendorff explained to him that his projected July offensive would cost a million German lives at the very least, Wilhelm said: "Go ahead," with no more emotion than he might display when he ordered his bath.

And this recalls an experience had by a relative of the editor of these memoirs. When Napoleon arrived at Dresden after the retreat from Moscow, Mr. Fisher's grandfather, the Comte de Simeon, prime minister of Jerome Napoleon, went to the capital of Saxony to confer with the great Emperor.

As de Simeon entered Napoleon's room, the Emperor grabbed him by the coat and said:

"Off with you to Paris. I want 225,000 men within the next six weeks. You arrange that."

De Simeon tried to protest: "But your majesty has just lost a million men."

"A million men—this for your million men," cried Napoleon, and, snapping his fingers, he pushed de Simeon out of the door bidding him not to lose a moment.

Every courtier not a dyed-in-the-

wool Prussian sympathized with our servants, whose lives, though spent in a palace, were harder in many respects than those of the general run of people in their class. In their gorgeous liveries and tidy house dresses they looked suave and contented enough, but their job was not as happy as their serene faces indicated; neither did their waxes correspond with their silver-edged clothes of fine material.

off and on I heard of cases of poverty even of destitution, in their families, for which they dared not ask for relief in the most likely place, of their master or mistress, who caused it to be known once and for all that they must not be annoyed with their servants' personal concerns.

In the beautiful Christmas season, I thought surely, their Majesties will make up for it. Picture, then, my amazement when I heard the Kaiser say to Her Majesty, at the beginning of Holy Week: "I have cautioned Messner (a privy councillor, who administered the royal purse) to pay the customary marks (\$2.50) only to those lackeys and maids who wait upon me personally. It will be well for you to instruct Baron von Mirbach similarly, or you will run the risk of feeling a whole tribe of men and girls who are merely second or third assistants."

William's valets, I heard later on, received forty marks (\$10) from their imperial master as Christmas gratuity; all his other attendants, men and women, had to be content with the customary ten marks "for gingerbread."

Miserly With His Servants

"And that is the only drink money the Kaiser dispenses all the year round," complained the wife of one of the wardrobe men, who did my plain sewing; "outside of Christmas, he never seems to have a copper for his body-servants. Although himself continuously in want of simulants (he often drinks four or five egg cognacs in the course of the day), it never strikes him that his over-worked attendants might feel like

stepping across the way to the canteen and 'crook an arm.'"

**Kaiser's Seventy-Five-Cent Charity**

Occasional beggars that accosted him on his rides, received three marks from the Kaiser, and a like sum was appropriated every Sunday for the benefit of the contribution-plate; his adjutant handed him the coin before he stepped into his carriage going to church; beggars must report at the royal stables for their mite.

Whether this tardy generosity is an evidence of hard-heartedness, as people in the royal service claim, or whether the Kaiser's unlimited exaction is to blame, I would not like to decide. Perhaps both work together. Perhaps the Kaiser's inability properly to judge monetary values remains the prime factor. To emphasize this let me give one more anecdote.

William, who is nothing if not a slave to tradition, revived a habit of several of his ancestors, namely to stroll out of his palace gate as an ordinary mortal once a year, on Holy night, when he donned a subdued civilian dress and when no adjutant or any one of the body service was allowed to follow him—a general order that, however, did not apply to the secret police, which were made acquainted with the Kaiser's every outdoor move beforehand, and had his guardian angels about wherever and whenever he was in the open.

The war-lord walked through the park behind the Neues Palais toward Sans Souci and after rambling beyond the gates of the ancient chateau, wishing a "Merry Christmas" to and distributing small gold pieces among needy persons he came across.

**Santa More Limited Than Ever**

It was originally a novel amusement for the Kaiser and a fairly profitable one for the poor men and women who happened to attract his attention while his pockets were still lined; that is, while his charity fund of two hundred marks (\$50) divided up into fourteen gold crowns and three double crowns, lasted. [To Be Continued Tomorrow.]

## NO AGREEMENT ON STEEL PRICES

### Industrial Board Ready to Recede if Shown to Be Wrong

Washington, April 9. — Another effort to narrow the divergence of view between the railroad administration and the Department of Commerce's industrial board over the program for determining standard prices was made yesterday at a conference between Director General Hines and George N. Peck, chairman of the board, but without definite result.

Mr. Hines is understood to have reiterated his opposition to binding the railroads to buy rails and other steel products at the prices approved by the board, and Mr. Peck was said to have emphasized the willingness of the board to modify its procedure if a better plan is suggested. In this connection, it was learned that the board has expressed a willingness to recede from its position both regarding general policy and particularly the steel schedule provided it can be shown to have followed a wrong economic policy and to have approved steel prices that were not fair.

The Federal Trade Commission's figures on costs for steel rails taking an average of the five steel companies manufacturing them, which show the cost to be \$47.10 a ton are pointed to by officials to uphold the contention that the prices agreed upon, \$45 for Bessemer, and \$47 for open hearth are not excessive. The Federal Trade Commission's figures

show however, that only the United States Steel Corporation and the Lackawanna Steel Company can make rails at these prices with profit.

**MINE WASHERY DESTROYED**  
 By Associated Press.  
 Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 9.—The washery of the Red Ash Coal Company on the Wilkes-Barre mountain was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, the breaker nearby being saved after a hard fight. The washery employed 150 men. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

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Each dessert tastes like a fresh-fruit dainty—and it is.

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10 Flavors, at Your Grocer's 2 Packages for 25 Cents

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[Continued from Yesterday.]

I have sometimes hinted that the Imperial German Court was "financially embarrassed." I will show that the Kaiser was both miserly in petty matters, and an uncontrollable spendthrift. He was "penny wise and pound foolish"; he "robbed Peter to pay Paul"; he was stingy with his friends and luxurious with himself. He was niggardly with his family and extravagant where his own wishes were concerned.

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Millions of fraudulent Aspirin Tablets were sold by a Brooklyn manufacturer which later proved to be composed mainly of Talcum Powder. "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin," the true, genuine, American-made and American owned Tablets, are marked with the safety "Bayer Cross."

Ask for and then insist upon "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" and always buy them in the original Bayer package, which contains proper directions and dosage.

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Made to Measure Suits, \$25 to \$50

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In the Easter display of Suits and Capes for women and misses there are scores of refreshing styles designed with the distinct charm and correctness that characterizes all of our modes. The spirit of a joyous Springtime seems to pervade these alluring fashion groups.

The prices will be found to be surprisingly moderate.

**Suits: \$30 to \$55** Capes at \$18.50 to \$67.50

It would be difficult to select for descriptive purposes one style that could be considered handsomer than another. All are made of superior grades of materials, in smart new styles that are trimmed with braid and buttons. Chic vestes of silk or colored Irish Linen are to be found on many of the distinctive suits at \$39.50 to \$55.00.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor.

## Easter Offering of Fine Toilet Goods & Perfumery

Good grooming depends a great deal upon the careful selection of your face creams, powders, toilet waters and perfumes. We have prepared a splendid Easter assortment of such favored goods as Coty's, Pivers, Roger and Gallet, Mary Garden and Hudnut's.

Mary Garden perfume, oz., \$3.00  
 Coty's Jacquinet Rose, oz., \$3.00  
 Djer Kiss perfume, oz., \$1.50  
 Melba Bouquet perfume, oz., \$1.50  
 Spring Garden perfume, oz., \$2.00  
 Pavlova perfume, oz., \$2.50  
 Roger and Gallet Violet toilet water, \$1.50  
 Djer Kiss Vegetal, \$1.25  
 Pivers' Azurea and Floramaye toilet water \$1.75  
 Hudnut's Violet toilet water, \$1.25

Mavis toilet water, \$1.25  
 Melba "Lov Me" lilac and violet toilet waters, 50c and \$1.00  
 Djer Kiss sachet, 85c  
 Mary Garden sachet, \$1.50  
 Attar Tropical sachet, \$1.00  
 Pivers Azurea sachet, 85c  
 Mary Garden sachet, \$1.00

Perfumes in fancy bottles appropriate for Easter gift giving, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50 and \$3.50

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Front.

## Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart

### A Summer Sign!

#### Porch Furniture A Great Display

Willow Chairs, \$4.95  
 Willow rockers, \$5.95  
 White maple rockers, with double reed seat, \$3.50  
 White maple rockers with reed seat and back, \$3.95  
 Brown fibre rockers, \$5.75  
 Brown fibre chairs, \$5.50 and \$7.50  
 Brown fibre settees, \$9.50 and \$11.95  
 Brown fibre tables, \$4.95 and \$5.95  
 Rustic Cedar chairs, rockers and settees, \$6.75 and \$10.95

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Fourth Floor.

## Easter Millinery

### Takes First Place in the Plans of Many Women

Women never had such a variety of hat styles to choose from as have been designed and assembled in our Millinery Section for Easter choosing.

Four distinct types of hats are displayed—

Lovely Ribbioned and Flowered Hats  
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 Plain Hats of the Tailored Type  
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At \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50 is an imposing display of attractive trimmed styles.

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Black hair lace and glycerined ostrich models are combined in hats of an exquisite proportion in line—picturesquely designed leghorn with Georgette Crepe, Dresden Ribbon and Flower trimmings, \$10.00, \$12.00 and higher.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor Front

## The Quality of "Sans Pareil" Kid Gloves Appeals to Women

The "San Pareil" \$3.00 kid glove is of supreme quality in softness of skin, perfect cutting and workmanship. Two-clasp in black with white stitching and white with black stitching.

Chamoisette gloves with strap in white, grey, sand and brown, \$1.50  
 Chamoisette gloves in white and colors, \$1.00 and \$1.25  
 Two-clasp silk gloves in white, black and colors, 85c to \$2.50  
 Children's silk gloves in pongee and grey, \$1.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor

## Nutting and Davidson Pictures

### Make Dainty Easter Gifts

These beautiful hand-colored pictures fittingly express Easter Greetings. Our new Picture Room on the Third floor, features a special Easter Display of these picture favorites, 75c to \$10.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Third Floor.