

Kaiser Always Had Faith in Army, Even Against Powerful Odds, He Writes in Memoirs

BY WILHELM HOHENZOLLERN

Again I was confronted with the difficult task of choosing a Chancellor. His position and activities were to be under somewhat about the same auspices and subject to the same conditions as in the case of his predecessor. But now there was more of a desire that he should be a statesman, an older man of course, qualified to inspire Bismarck with more confidence than a mere general could do.

It was assumed that a statesman would know better how to walk in the footsteps of the Prince, politically speaking, and provide Bismarck with less opportunity for criticism and attacks. The latter had tended to create gradually among all Government officials, who dated mostly from the period of Bismarck, and unmistakable nervousness and dissatisfaction, by which the work of the entire governmental system was impaired to an extent by no means inconsiderable. Moreover, it lent to the opposition in the Reichstag a constantly renewed strength drawn from elements previously faithful to the Government, and made itself felt in a detrimental manner. Especially in the Foreign Office, the spirit of Holstein, the supposed representative of the "old, tried Bismarckian traditions," began to assert itself, so that the unwillingness to collaborate with the Emperor became particularly strong and the belief grew up that it was necessary to carry on, independently, the policy of Bismarck.

After mature deliberation, I decided to entrust the post of Chancellor to Prince Hohenzollern, who was then Governor of Alsace-Lorraine. At the outbreak of the War in 1870 he had succeeded, as Bavarian Minister, in getting Bavaria to enter the war on the side of Prussia. Ever since he had been highly esteemed by Prince Bismarck on account of his fidelity to the empire. It was natural to expect that Bismarck's opposition would cool off when confronted with such a successor. Thus, the choice of Hohenzollern as Chancellor was strongly influenced by consideration for Prince Bismarck and for the public opinion inspired by him.

Prince Hohenzollern was the typical old-style grand seigneur. He was thoroughly urbane by nature and in his dealings with others; a man of refined mind, with a slight touch of playful irony sometimes glinting through. Keen on account of his years, a level-headed observer and judge of men. Despite the great difference in age between him and me he got along very well with me, which was shown on the surface by the fact that he was treated both by the Emperor and myself as our uncle, and addressed as such, which brought about a certain atmosphere of intimate confidence in our intercourse. In his talks with me, especially in giving his opinion as to appointments of officials, he offered very characteristic descriptions of the gentlemen discussed, often combined with philosophical observations which on life and humanity and which were proved that he had reflected deeply evidence of a maturity and wisdom grounded on experience.

Something happened during the first period of Hohenzollern's regime as Chancellor which throws an interesting light upon the relations between France and Russia. Having, at the time of the fraternization between Russia and France, received reliable information from the General Staff as well as from our embassy at Paris to the effect that France contemplated withdrawing a portion of her troops from Algeria, in order to shift them to Southern France either against Italy or against Alsace. I applied to Czar Nicholas II. of Russia, adding the remark that I should be obliged to adopt counter-measures unless the Czar could dissuade his ally from so provocative a step.

Some Diplomatic Fencing
At that time the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs was Prince Lobanoff, formerly Ambassador at Vienna, well known for his pro-French proclivities. During the summer of 1895 he had visited France and been very cordially entertained. During the Autumn, just as I was staying for the hunting at Hubertusstock on the Schorfheide near Eberswalde, Prince Lobanoff, on his return journey from Paris, requested to be received in audience, at the behest of the Czar. Upon being received by me he described the calm and sensible frame of mind which he had found in Paris and sought to quiet me too with regard to the above mentioned troop movements, which, according to him, were mere empty rumor and chatter without any real basis. He added that he was bringing to me the most quieting assurances, that there was no reason for my feeling the slightest alarm. I thanked him heartily for his report, remarking that the word "alarm" was not to be found in the dictionary of

a German officer; and I added that, if France and Russia wished to make war, I could not prevent it. Whereupon the Prince, piously casting his eyes toward heaven, made the sign of the cross and said: "Oh, la guerre! quelle idee! qui y pense?—cela ne doit pas etre." (Oh, war! what idea; who thinks of that thing? it must not be.) To that I replied that I, in any event, was not thinking about it, but than an observer—and he need not be very keen-eyed—must assuredly consider the constant celebrations and speeches, as well as the official and unofficial visits exchanged between Paris and St. Petersburg, as significant symptoms which could not be ignored, and which were calculated to arouse great dissatisfaction in Germany; that, should it come to war, against my own will and that of my people, I felt that, trusting in God and in my army and people it would be possible for Germany to get the better of both opponents.

To this I added still another statement, reported to me from Paris, which had been made by a Russian officer who was in France as a member of an officers' deputation. Having been asked by a French comrade whether the Russians believed that they could beat the Germans, the gallant Slav replied: "Non, mon ami, nous serons battus a plate couture, mais qu'est-ce que ca fait? Nous aurons la Republique." (No, my friend, we shall be thoroughly beaten, but what does that matter? We shall get a republic.)

At first the Prince eyed me, speechless, then, shrugging his shoulders, he remarked: "Oh, la guerre, il ne faut pas meme y penser." (Oh, war, one must not even think about it.) The officer had merely expressed the general opinion of the Russian intelligentsia and social circles. As far back as my first visit to St. Petersburg, in the early '80s, in a grand duchess said to me at dinner, quite calmly: "Here we sit all the time on a volcano. We expect the revolution any day. The Slavs are not faithful, they are not at all monarchical, all of them are republicans at heart; they disguise their sentiments, and they lie, every one of them, all the time."

Three important events, related to foreign politics, came within the period of Prince Hohenzollern's incumbency of the Chancellery: the opening, in 1895, of the Emperor William Canal (North Sea-Baltic Canal), begun under Emperor William the Great, to which squadrons or individuals ships representing countries all over the world were invited; the annexation, in 1897, of Tsing-tao; and, third, the much-discussed Kruger dispatch.

The Seizure of Tsing-tao
Prince Hohenzollern played an especially important role in the annexation of Tsing-tao. He, too, was of the opinion that Germany needed some coaling stations for her ships, and that the demands of commercial elements that the opportunity for opening up China to international trade be not allowed to pass were justified. It was resolved that, under unimpeded Chinese sovereignty and after payment of the Likin (octroi or internal revenue tax), a trading port, with a marine coaling station as protection, was to be founded, wherein it was contemplated to allow China to co-operate to the utmost possible extent.

The station was to serve the ends of commerce, before all else, the military measures being limited solely to the protection of the trading centre as it developed; they did not constitute an end in themselves or a basis for further military enterprises. Already several places had been considered, but these had proved, upon more careful investigation, to be unfitted, mostly because they had either bad connections or none at all with the interior regions, were not promising from a commercial-political standpoint, or were encumbered by privileges already granted to other foreign countries. Finally it was agreed—because of the reports of Admiral Tirpitz, who was, at that time, chief of the East Asiatic cruiser squadron, and because of the opinion of the geographical expert Freiherr von Richtofen, who, having been questioned on the subject, had drawn a most promising picture of the possibilities of development in Shantung—to found a settlement on the bay of Kiao-Chau.

The Chancellor proceeded to collect data on the political questions which arose as a result of this and which must be taken into consideration. It was particularly necessary not to interfere with Russia's designs, nor to disturb her. Further information was obtained, some of it from our East Asiatic division; from this source favorable reports came in as to an-

City Lodges

ELKS

Preparations for the initiation of a class on Oct. 12 were concluded by Richmond lodge of Elks No. 649, Thursday evening. Besides listening to a financial report showing a very gratifying condition and transacting other business, the lodge was entertained by Martini, whose slight of hand exhibition mystified a large attendance, while Mr. and Mrs. Joe Regan presented musical numbers of excellence. These acts are appearing at the Murray theatre. This was the first meeting of the lodge since it expended nearly \$6,000 for interior improvements, the establishment of a parking place, and the completion of other betterments.

Chorages and the ice-free nature of the bay of Kiao-Chau, and as to the prospects if a port were to be founded there. From conversations among the officers of the Russian China division, which had come to our ears in our intercourse with them, it was learned that the Russian Admiral, in accordance with orders from his Government had anchored one Winter in the bay, but had found it so desolate and so atrociously lonely—there were no tea-houses with Japanese geisha girls, which the Russians deemed absolutely indispensable to Winter quarters—that the Russian squadron would never go back there any more.

It was also reported that the Russian Admiral had advised his Government most earnestly against prosecuting any further its intention of founding a settlement on this bay, since there was absolutely no advantage to be derived from it. Hence, the Russians had no intention of gaining a foothold there.

This last piece of news arrived at about the same time as the answer from the Russian Foreign Minister, Count Muraviev, sent through the German Ambassador, relative to the sounding of Russian opinion, which had been made pursuant to instructions from the Chancellor. Muraviev set forth that Russia, to be sure, had no direct claims, based on treaty with China, to the bay, but that she, nevertheless, laid claim to it on the basis of the "droit du premier mouillage" (right of first anchorage), since the Russian ships had anchored there before those of any other fleet. This answer, it will be seen, ran counter to the report of our East Asiatic division relative to the statements made by the Russian Admiral.

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WATERWAY IS PUSHED BY BOARD OF TRADE AS NEEDED SYSTEM

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—A committee to represent the grain trade in the St. Lawrence deep seaway project has been appointed by Robert McDougal, president of the Chicago Board of Trade.

"Full development of the inland seaway," said Chairman George S. Bridge, in announcing the committee's plans today, "would add from five to 10 cents a bushel to all grain grown in the great productive area. This is based

on surveys by transportation experts. "It is estimated that a five-cent a bushel saving on transportation cost to European countries would add \$183,000,000 to the agricultural income of the central west. This benefit to the farmer as well as to the public generally readily can be seen. Transportation has long been a prime factor in distribution costs. A deep seaway would be a logical solution. The Chicago Board of Trade will work for the consummation of the waterway the same as it has supported all other sound movements in behalf of greater returns to the farmer.

States to Benefit.

"In the district that would benefit directly by the deep seaway are 16 states that pour part of their agricultural products into Chicago. These states produce three-fourths of the

wheat of the country, and more than 400,000,000 bushels of wheat is handled every year by the Chicago Board of Trade.

"These same states also produce 70 percent of the corn, and half of the cattle, hogs, horses, butter, eggs, cheese and wool. They mine 85 percent of the iron ore, 40 percent of the copper and coal, 75 percent of the zinc and 45 percent of the lead.

"Chicago is the local point of the great production area, a world rail center handling in its terminals 15,000,000 carloads of freight a year. Therefore an open water lane to the ocean would be of inestimable value to the entire nation."

The department of agriculture has just issued a circular which tells farmers how to tan their own hides.

Called by Death

JOSEPH WHITE

GREENVILLE, Sept. 29.—Joseph White, 70 years old, a pioneer farmer of Greenville township, died at his home, north of Colestown, Thursday. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

CLEVELANDERS ENJOY TEA

PARTY 2,000 FEET IN AIR
CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 29.—A tea party 2,000 feet in the air was held here late today when ten guests aboard the flying boat "Nina" gave a farewell party to Capt. H. A. Bruno, who has been in charge of the Cleveland terminal of a flying boat line between this city and Detroit. Capt. Bruno is returning to New York city.

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