

DRAPE KAISER IN GARMENTS OF PEACE APOSTLE

Conservative Press Would
Make Wilhelm World
Angelic Example.

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—The German conservative press lately, in an evident effort to influence the entente and save the ex-kaiser from the ignominy of extradition and criminal prosecution, has devoted many columns to "documentary evidence" calculated to drape Wilhelm von Hohenzollern in the robes of a peace apostle to whose angelic conscience war was the supreme of all abominations. A noteworthy example was an alleged letter to Bethmann-Hollweg, supposed to have been written in July, 1914, attacking Austria's attitude toward Serbia and declaring the Austro-Serbian situation did not constitute a casus belli.

Now comes Dr. Helfferich, former imperial vice chancellor, with the declaration that the Kaiser was one of the strongest opponents of ruthless U-boat warfare. This statement and some interesting allusions to Germany's relations with the United States just before America entered the conflict are contained in the second volume of Dr. Helfferich's work on the world war, just published.

Dr. Helfferich recalls an imperial dinner party at Charleville on November 25, 1914, at which he was a guest, by imperial command.

Says Adacous Struck Mine.

"The Kaiser," writes Dr. Helfferich, "verified the report that the British superdreadnought Audacious had struck a German mine and sunk. At the table a high naval officer—not Admiral von Tirpitz—remarked that the giant British passenger steamer Oceanic had escaped a mine by a hair's breadth. The Kaiser replied, 'Thank God it didn't come to that.'

The admiral, according to Dr. Helfferich, looked astounded, whereas the Kaiser sat up straight and said in a loud voice:

"Gentlemen, always bear in mind that our sword must remain clean. We are not conducting war against women and children. We want to conduct the war decently, the same as the others do. Make a note of that."

Switches To Wilson.

From the Kaiser Dr. Helfferich switches over to President Wilson, and the events that led up to America's entry into the war. On this subject the former vice chancellor writes:

"On Sunday, January 28, 1917, about 10 o'clock at night, I was summoned to the chancellor (Bethmann-Hollweg). A telegram had arrived from Count Bernstorff which, as far as I remember, stated that Col. House had advised him, by order of Pres't Wilson, that the president, in spite of the entente's rejection, had not abandoned hope of bringing about peace and was ready to resume his efforts to that end. These efforts would be materially lightened if we were ready to communicate our peace terms to him. Count Bernstorff, under these circumstances, requested permission to withhold temporarily the note announcing our unrestricted U-boat warfare, already sent him for delivery on January 31, and recommended meeting the wish of Pres't Wilson in transmitting our peace terms.

Wanted Peace With U. S.

The chancellor, who once more saw the hope of averting war with America brighten, and perhaps even of achieving peace the like of which I had never seen him in before. He was determined to give Wilson, through Bernstorff, a broad outline of the conditions of peace we would propose in the event the peace negotiations urged by us materialized. More difficult was our compliance with Bernstorff's request for permission to withhold the U-boat note, as the U-boats long ago had departed for their stations, which partly were

far west of western Ireland, and probably were out of reach.

The chancellor decided to leave for great headquarters, accompanied by Secretary of State Zimmermann, that very night.

Answer Telegram.

There an answer was composed to Count Bernstorff's telegram, authorizing the ambassador to bring the outlines of the peace terms we had in view at the time of our peace proposal of December 12, 1916, to Pres't Wilson's personal knowledge, new initiative. The note was to be handed over simultaneously with the U-boat note. It was impossible to withhold the latter, as the U-boats already were at their stations under orders and beyond the reach of counter instructions. We were, however, ready to stop the new U-boat war immediately if the efforts of the president should prove successful and assure a promising basis for peace negotiations.

The telegram to Count Bernstorff was communicated to the main committee of the reichstag in secret session on January 31, 1917, immediately after the U-boat note had been handed to Mr. Gerard. Also the majority socialists recognized in it an attempt to keep the United States out of the war and pave the way to peace.

Peace Points "Modest."

The basic points of our peace programme, on account of their modesty, gave occasion to criticism.

The leaders of both conservative parties, as well as the national liberals and centrists, and, if I remember rightly, also the liberals, expressed the wish that the chancellor, in the event peace negotiations were brought about, need not consider himself tied to this programme.

The above candid admission of lacking trustworthiness in the old German regime is followed by the regretful observation that peace negotiations did not materialize. "Instead, the diplomatic relations between the United States and the German Empire were severed immediately after the note had been handed over, and a few weeks later a declaration of war followed."

Couldn't Carry Out Plans.

Dr. Helfferich doubts that Pres't Wilson, even if Germany had not inaugurated the unrestricted U-boat campaign, could have carried the peace plans suggested at the end of January, 1917, to a successful conclusion, though Count Bernstorff believed he could. He concludes:

"Wilson's historical mission to help the world to a just peace stand on his lacking understanding of our living rights and the necessities of our existence—stranded, not in the dark weeks of October, 1918, but already at the turning of the years 1918 and 1917."

Decorate "LEATHERNECKS."

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Gov. Lowden was to pin Croix de Guerre on Illinois' "leathernecks" here today at a luncheon in honor of the marines' participation in the war. More than 3,000 marines took part in the parade.

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home near North Liberty. The affair was in honor of the birthday anniversary of the hostess, Mrs. W. Schock and granddaughters, the Misses Pauline and Florence Evans of River Park, whose birthdays occur during the week. The guests numbered 15.

Mrs. H. F. Brooks, N. Eleventh st., entertained at dinner Friday, complimenting Mrs. L. V. Stephens of South Bend.

Rev. George Enterline of South Bend will fill the pulpit at the River Park M. E. church Sunday morning.

The Loyal Daughters of the M. E. church, chaperoned by their teacher, Mrs. F. E. Wolfe, will spend Sunday at Hudson lake.

E. O. Williams, Twelfth st., left this week for a three months' trip to Arkansas.

Mrs. Dick Antisel, who submitted to an operation for appendicitis, has been removed from the hospital to the home of her mother, Mrs. Buck, S. Sixth st.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tuqua of Chicago will arrive here Sunday for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. John David, Mishawaka av., before going to Eagle lake, Mich. to spend their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Branam returned to their home at Springfield, Ill., Saturday after a two weeks' visit with Mishawaka and River Park friends and relatives.

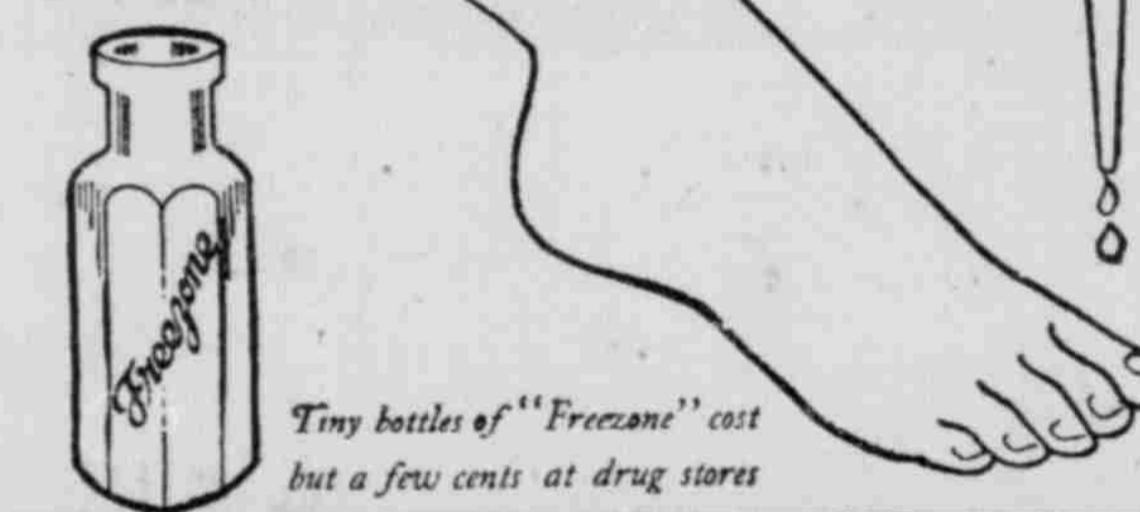
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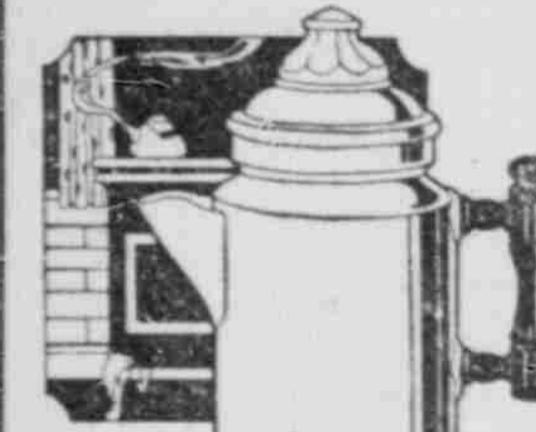
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