

# KAISER PROPOSES TO ABSORB SATAN

### COMES BACK, SCORNING ABDICATION AND CLAIMING HELL'S THRONE BY RIGHT

In reply to Lucifer H. Satan's letter published in last Saturday's Telegram, in which the devil offered to abdicate in favor of the kaiser, a reply has been prepared attributed to Kaiser Wilhelm. It follows:

Hell, Nov. 1, 1917.  
Imp. Lucifer Hotspur Satan:  
My Dear Lucifer—or shall I call you Lucy for short? Your note of recent date came to our imperial hand. Your offer to abdicate the throne of Hades in my favor would be interesting were it wholly serious; but conditions are implied that make it inadvisable that I accept. I do not think much of Gehenna anyhow. It is a second-class state at best and I would not care to live there permanently.

As a matter of fact I have made a splendid start toward a hell of my own—we call it Bottomless Prussia. It has all the modern improvements, such as running hot water, red fire, cyanide gas, calcium lights, wide open plumbing and vacuum cleaner. At the present time we are getting practically all the business and when it comes to a matter of competition it is my opinion that we would have you pushed off the map. To be perfectly frank with you we have considered the advisability of taking over your plant about the time it is ripe for bankruptcy. You are not making expenses, while we are turning them away. Everybody says that I am a much bigger devil than you ever dared to be and there's not a day goes by without my picture being in the papers.

You may have once thought you were a hell of a fellow, but you have nothing on me. Your place is a back number and when the time comes we will move in and take possession—if we think it worth while. It is not usual for Prussians to give warning or apology. We usually do things then leave it to history to explain, but I am telling you this because of our old time friendship and also because I realize that you can do nothing to forestall or prevent our action. Abdicate in my favor? Why, you poor old stiff, you have nothing to abdicate. You couldn't float a bond issue on your plant in a million years. In the commercial market it would be called junk. You have a bunch of ancient floorwalkers like Judas, Nero, Ananias, Calligula, Richard III and Capt. Kidd that are really driving business away from the place. Talk about the Hun! Why, I wouldn't let Attila bring my shaving water.

If you had a few scouts like Von Tirpitz or Von Hindenburg you might talk on some basis of equality. They are the boys who bring home the bacon and they are filling our hell with talent of their own creation and development. But while they are finished performers, of course, I am still the boss of the whole works. It is my genius and inspiration that has made our new hell possible. Hell without me would be merely a woe. I have made it a torrid reality. You may as well understand first as last that you cannot run a hell without some of our Prussian efficiency. In a competitive race with us you would probably bring up as a second rate cold-storage plant.

By reason of our former friendship, however, I am willing to recognize your moth-eaten throne as one with which diplomatic relations may be maintained. I am sending Count Von Bernstorff as my ambassador, with authority to make treaties compatible with our mutual interests. Under certain circumstances it might be possible to negotiate a union between our crown prince and your Messalina. They might make a good team. He may also take on Lucretia Borgia and make it a double-header. How would it do for me to hook up with one of your Catherine—the Medici person, for instance? Of course, this would only be for the campaign and subject to cancellation at my will. Count Von Bernstorff is permitted to talk of these, as well as other matters, and has himself hinted to me the advisability of an exchange of transfers. This, however, would be with the idea of the gradual absorption of your hell by my own. I am to be perfectly frank with you. You must realize, my dear Lucifer, that you are getting old. You are not up to our modern methods and when you wander around with your spiked tail, people only smile in a good natured way and murmur: "Who the devil is he?" or "I wonder what mischief Satan is up to now?"

You are all right for running a kindergarten, but as the boss of a real blood-red, rip-snorting, concert pitch hell, you are mostly yabbits. You are altogether too easy. Why, I understand you even shy at cooking children in their own grease. You ought to have seen the way I cleaned them up in Belgium. Women first? Well I guess yes. Any old way. We turned it into a path of Bottomless Prussia overnight. That ancient worthy who ran wicks through Christians and used them to light up his grounds was a poor fish at thinking up things that would make him green with envy. He never poisoned a whole regiment with gas bombs and he never sank and blew up a shipload of women and children with a torpedo from a submarine.

You mean well, Lucifer, but you are a slow performer. Take a week off and come over to a real hell. We will show you the time of your life and you can see what you are up

# A Store Brim Full of Xmas Suggestions--

## This J. C. Penney Store Is

THE PRICES ARE SUCH THAT EACH OF YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN UP THE CHRISTMAS IDEA WILL FIND THE USEFUL, PRACTICAL GIFT FOR THE GROWN UPS, OR THE TOYS, THE BOOKS, THE SLEDS, ETC., FOR THE KIDDIES, WITHIN YOUR PURCHASE PRICE. HERE YOU CAN BUY TWO GIFTS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE ELSEWHERE. THEN, DON'T HESITATE—BUY NOW WHILE THE STOCKS ARE COMPLETE.

### Our Prices Makes Two Glad Hearts on Xmas Day --- Giver and Receiver



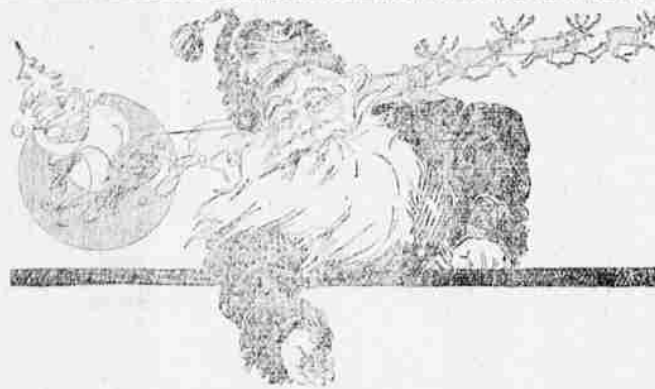
#### GIRLS' GIFTS

- Dolls 25c, 49c, 98c, \$1.49 and .....\$1.98
- Baby Dolls 98c, \$1.49, \$1.99 and .....\$2.98
- Romper Dolls..... 49c, 98c
- Dutch Dolls..... \$1.49, \$1.98
- Doll Beds 49c, \$1.49, \$1.98
- Crying Dolls ..... 49c
- Merry-go-rounds ... \$1.49
- Books 5c, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c
- Paint Books 10c, 15c, 25c and ..... 49c
- Paint Sets ..... 25c, 49c
- Sweepers ..... 25c
- Stationery ..... 10c, 25c, 39c
- Handkerchiefs ..... 5c
- Bathrobes..... \$1.19, \$1.49
- Slippers..... 49c, 98c, \$1.49
- Candles for the Tree, per box ..... 18c
- Bracelets ..... \$1.49

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

- Post Cards ..... 1c, 3c
- Gift Cards ..... 3c, 5c, 10c
- Remembrance Cards .5c and ..... 10c
- New Years Cards 1c, 2c, 5c
- Christmas Letters 5c, 10c

#### Gifts of Every Kind



A practical gift makes a heart of cheer at this time of year.

#### Gifts for Everybody



#### BOYS' GIFTS

- Tool Chests.... 98c, \$1.49 and .....\$1.98
- Drums ..... 98c
- Sandy Andyans..... 69c, 98c
- Panama Drivers..... 49c, 98c
- Toy Auto Cars..... 49c
- Erector Sets ..... \$1.79
- Soldier Games ..... 49c
- Soldier Sets 39c, 59c, \$1.49
- Water Guns ..... 25c
- Daisy Pop Guns..... 25c
- Siege Guns ..... 49c
- Rubber Balls 1c, 5c, 10c and ..... 19c
- Rolly Pollies ..... 19c, 25c
- Chequer Games ..... 25c
- Paint Books..... 25c, 49c
- Home Builders..... 49c, 59c
- Sleds ..... 89c, \$1.49
- Blocks ..... 10c, 19c
- Fire Wagons ..... 49c
- Toy Dogs ..... 10c, 25c
- Ingersoll Watches... \$1.35 \$1.60 and .....\$1.75
- Windsor Toys ..... 25c
- Boys' Boxed Hdk'fs... 10c
- Submarines..... 49c
- Battleships ..... 49c

#### BUY A PAIR OF SHOES

- Ladies' Novelty Shoes... \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90, \$8.50 and .....\$9.90
- Ladies' Staples \$2.98, \$3.98 and .....\$4.98
- Boys' Shoes... \$1.69, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.49, \$2.69, \$2.98, \$3.25 and .....\$3.50
- Girls' Shoes \$1.49, \$1.69, \$1.89, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.49, \$2.69, \$2.98, \$3.25, \$3.50
- Infant's Shoes 39c, 59c, 98c, \$1.19, \$1.39 and .....\$1.49
- Boys' High Tops \$3.49, \$2.98, \$3.50 and .....\$3.98
- Men's Dress Shoes \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90 and .....\$7.50

#### BUY A PAIR OF SLIPPERS

- Men's... \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49
- Boys'..... 59c, 79c, 98c
- Girls'..... 49c, 59c, 69c, 98c
- Children's..... 49c, 79c
- Ladies' ..... 69c, 98c, \$1.49 and .....\$1.49

#### PURSES

- 49c, 98c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.98 and .....\$3.98

#### STATIONERY

- Fancy Christmas Boxes, all sizes, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 39c, 49c, 69c, 98c and .....\$1.19

#### CHRISTMAS JEWELRY

- Cuff Links..... 25c, 49c, 98c
- Cuff Link Sets 69c, 98c and .....\$1.49
- Tie Pins..... 49c, 69c, 98c
- Tie Pin Sets..... 98c, \$1.49
- Girls' Bracelets... \$1.49
- Beauty Pins 10c, 15c, 25c and ..... 49c
- Flat Pins..... 10c, 25c, 49c
- Brooches..... 25c, 49c, 98c
- Hair Pins..... 19c, 25c, 49c

#### BUY A SWEATER

- Boys' 49c, 69c, \$1.19, \$1.49 and .....\$1.98
- Men's \$1.19, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90
- Ladies' \$2.98, \$4.98, \$5.90

#### UMBRELLAS

- 39c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.98 and .....\$3.98

#### HANDKERCHIEFS

- By the Box—each Box a Peach.
- Ladies' 25c, 39c, 49c, 69c and .....98c
- Men's..... 25c, 49c
- Boys'..... 10c, 15c, 25c
- Girls'..... 19c, 25c, 49c, 69c
- Children's 5c, 10c, 15c, 19c

#### KIMONOS

- Outings \$1.19, \$1.49, \$1.69 and .....\$1.98
- Crepes... \$1.19, \$1.49, \$1.69
- Silks... \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90 and .....\$6.90

#### MEN'S SILK TIES

- A "Bear" Every One
- 25c, 49c, 59c, 98c

#### MEN'S CHRISTMAS SETS

- Hdt Sets..... 25c, 49c, 98c
- Tie Sets..... 25c, 49c, 98c
- Hdt Sets..... 25c, 49c, 98c
- Jewelry Sets..... 49c, 98c

#### BUY HIM A SUIT

- \$9.90, \$12.50, \$14.75

#### MACKINAW

- Boys' \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90
- Men's \$6.90, \$7.90, \$8.90

#### JERSEYS

- \$1.49, \$1.98

#### UNDERWEAR

- Two-piece 98c, \$1.49 and .....\$1.98
- Unions \$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49, \$2.98 and .....\$3.98

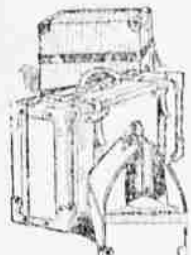
#### LUNCH SETS

- Blue designs, 98c

#### TABLE LINENS

- Per yard 98c, \$1.49, \$1.69 and .....\$1.69

### "Get the Spirit", Santa Says--"Then We'll All be Happy on Xmas Morn"



Buy a Traveling Bag for HIM or HER. Bags \$5.90, \$6.50, \$7.90 and .....\$8.99. Suitcases... 98c, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90, \$7.90

#### Buy a BATHROBE for HIM or HER

- Ladies'... \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98 and .....\$4.98
- Men's... \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90
- Boys'... \$1.19, \$1.98
- Girls'... \$1.49, \$1.98 and .....\$2.98
- Children's \$1.19, \$1.49, \$1.69 and .....\$1.98



#### Buy a BLANKET for HIM or HER

- Cotton Blankets \$1.49, \$1.69 and .....\$2.98
- Wool Blankets \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.50
- Babies' Blankets 89c and .....98c
- Comforts \$1.69, \$1.98, \$2.49, \$2.98, \$3.98

#### Buy a RAINCOAT for HIM or HER

- Men's... \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90, \$9.90, \$12.50, \$14.75
- Ladies'... \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90, \$8.90
- Boys' or Girls... \$1.98, \$2.98 and .....\$3.98

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against. You can discover why your proposition to abdicate in my favor doesn't materially interest me. However, I am a real sport and I'll tell you what I'll do: I'll play you a game of pitch to see whether you abdicate or I throw you out. In either event you are welcome to a permanent

home with me and I'll show you a hell of a time. There's no one to abdicate in there. Large? Externally yours, WILHELM IMP. His Majesty

pulling the apples and peaches off of small branches." Under the largest shipment were turned in from the branch and was received. Every society was represented.

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