

DODDERING TEITON GOVERNS BRUSSELS

Mr. Gibson Visited by von der Goltz, Old and Blind, but Well Decorated.

STAFF "LOOKS FIT TO KILL"

Like Comic Opera Soldiers, German Officers With General Blase Fourth With Silver Helmets and Stagnant Trappings.

BY HUGH GIBSON. Secretary of the American Legation in Brussels at the outbreak of the war. Copy-right, 1917, Doubleday, Page & Co., by Otis F. Wood.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20.—This afternoon at 4 o'clock Von der Goltz (Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz Pacha, to be exact) arrived with a staff of seven officers to make a formal call. A crowd quickly gathered in the street, their big gray military cars snorted to the door. All the neighborhood was in a great state of excitement. The great man is pretty old and godderly, wears spectacles about an inch thick, and a large collection of decorations. His staff was also brilliant in decorations and silver helmets, etc.

I met them at the foot of the stairs and escorted them up. The Marshal is apparently blind as a bat, for he never turned on the landings and would have walked straight into the walls if I had not steered him around the corners.

Count Trippe Over Sweated. After one good look we decided that he was to be a figurehead and leave the real work to the troop of officers and functionaries he had brought with him.

It was supposed to be a purely formal call, but the old gentleman seemed to have no thought of leaving and did not budge for half an hour. The conversation was not thrilling.

They finally left after much clicking of heels, and the bemuddled Count Trippe nearly broke his neck by tripping over his sword. However, we got them safely out of the house, while all the servants leaned out of the windows and took in the show.

The new Governor-General has addressed a proclamation to the Belgian people, threatening them with dire punishment if any resistance is made.

Spanish Legation Not Visited. When Von der Goltz left us he had started for the Spanish Legation; but we learned from the Spanish Secretary that he had never arrived. Instead, at the last minute an aide-de-camp had come clanking in to express his excellency's regrets that he was unable to come, and say that he would have to defer his visit until a later date.

Something happened to him after he left our legation.

X—had an experience yesterday which made him boiling mad. He left town in the afternoon with his Consul to go to Alost for telegrams and letters. He was in a car flying his flag, and had his liaison-passes from the German military authorities. Near Assche he was stopped by an outpost and told he could not go any further.

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PEACE FEELER OUT

Kaiser Prepares for New Offer at Christmas.

TERMS LACK REAL BASIS

Official Opinion Inclines to Belief Teutonic Intention Back of Present Proposal is to Start Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—What purports to be an outline of the Kaiser's most-advertised "Christmas peace terms" has been received through neutral diplomatic channels.

To leave the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of inhabitants. England to pay Germany for her lost African colonies and the money to be used for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and Northern France.

Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with the right of access to the sea being granted to Serbia.

Turkey to remain intact. Whether such a proposal of terms is merely another step in the German

propaganda to impress the public mind that the allies are responsible for a continuance of the war, or whether it is really a feeler for peace, is a subject for the estimate of the governments concerned.

At first glance some are inclined to regard these conditions as the Kaiser's much-advertised Christmas peace terms, probably designed in large part to keep the German people under the illusion that they are fighting a really defensive war against foes who insist on the dismemberment of their country.

There is a decided impression in competent quarters, however, that Germany, having made great gains in Russia, might think it to her advantage to yield to allied demands in many other directions, which, in the estimate of her own statesmen, would strike a balance.

Intention May Be Real. This is one of the reasons why some close observers believe an offer of peace coming at this time probably has more real intentions of peace behind it than the previous ones.

From what may be gained of the war aims of the allied governments as expressed by their statesmen and by President Wilson, such an offering of terms as outlined in the foregoing could not be considered as the basis of a satisfactory peace, although it might contain some of the elements.

Cement Plant to Make Repairs. GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The fire was pulled from the blast furnace of the local cement plant December 1 until after the holidays, for the purpose of making necessary repairs for an extended run the coming season.

Disarmament, freedom of the seas and commerce to be left to the peace conference.

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BURGLARS' HARVEST BIG

IS MONTHS' FLUNDER IN CHICAGO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.

SEVENTEEN BANK AND 14 PAYROLL ROBBERIES ARE REPORTED—SEVERAL POLICEMEN KILLED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Robbery of the State Bank of Summit, a suburb, early today of \$30,000 or more called attention to the appalling list of bank and payroll robberies in Chicago and suburbs in the last 18 months.

According to an official of a big burglar insurance company, there have been 17 bank robberies, netting approximately \$400,000, and 14 payroll robberies of insured firms, netting \$200,000 to the bandits in the period mentioned.

In the Summit robbery the money was taken from the safety deposit vaults of the bank. It was in bills of small denominations and belonged to the Corn Products Company. It was reported, and was placed in the vaults yesterday in preparation for pay day today.

None of the bank's money in the main vault was touched. The robbery was discovered when the bank was opened this morning.

H. Kilgore, who is president of the bank, is also vice-president of the State Bank of La Grange, another suburb, which was held up in daylight a week ago by robbers, who escaped with \$46,845.

According to Mr. Kilgore, the payroll at the Summit bank was insured. The money stolen was in a suitcase in the vault. Another suitcase containing \$40,000 was overlooked. The robbers entered the bank by a rear door, and, using a gas torch, burned their way through eight inches of steel and concrete to their booty. They left no clew.

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Cross & Blackwell Tarragon Vinegar, pints, Each... 40c
Cross & Blackwell Mustard, 1/2 pint, Each... 25c
Cross & Blackwell Anchovy Sauce, 1/2 pints, Each... 25c
Cross & Blackwell Mushroom Sauce, 1/2 pints, Each... 25c
Cross & Blackwell Walnut Sauce, 1/2 pints, Each... 35c

- WALNUTS, Fancy Oregon, Per lb... 30c
Filberts, Fancy Oregon, Per lb... 30c
Almonds, IXL, Per lb... 25c

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Shrimp, No. 1 Tins, Doz. \$1.75, Each... 13c
Shrimp, No. 2 Tins, Doz. \$2.25, Each... 25c
Kipperd Salmon, 1/2, Oval Tins, Doz. \$2.25, Each... 20c
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Peas, Preferred Stock, Little Jewel, Doz. \$2.50, Each... 25c
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Mt. Vernon Milk, 96 small cans to case, Case \$5.70, Doz... 75c
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Peas, Del Monte, Extra Special, Doz. \$1.90, Each... 25c
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RAID DAMAGE IS SLIGHT
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LONDON, Dec. 20.—Last night's air raid made less impression upon London people than any of its predecessors. The casualties were small, in view of the fact that the Gothas came just at the time people were on their way home from shop and office. The material damage was slighter, too, than

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