

# KAISER'S SANITY IS QUESTIONED

### English Weekly Prints Startling Article From Pen of German Physician.

By Malcolm Clarke.  
 Berlin, Dec. 12.—What the German kaiser is not whisper has been said by a well known German physician in an English weekly paper—the kaiser is hopelessly and progressively insane. The article, which is of course unsigned, or the author would probably be drawn and quartered, has created an enormous sensation throughout Germany. "Why do we allow a single individual, whether king of England or anarchist, to continue to throw poisoned bombs amongst a peacefully striving nation?" the article begins. "Why should Emperor William alone be at liberty to endanger from his ambush of imperious dignity the peace of the nations of Europe? He alone is the immediate danger of our times. But let us add at once that we have no right to blame him. This seems a paradox, but if the nations will understand the real condition of affairs all danger would at once disappear, although Emperor William may go on making speeches, sending wires and publishing interviews to his heart's content."

After enumerating some of the most flagrant misdeeds and, one is tempted to say, crimes, committed by the kaiser, the writer concludes: "But it is time that nations should ask themselves the question: 'What is the secret of this man's actions?' And they ought to know the answer, which is fully understood among diplomats and in large circles in Germany."

"Emperor William offers a rather typical picture of a certain kind of mental disease. He suffers from a malignant inflammation of the middle ear (otitis media), which in an ever increasing degree is affecting his brain. In order to be near him Professor Passow, one of the highest living authorities on that disease, was called from Heidelberg to settle down in Berlin."

"The fate of nations may depend on this fact being known and thoroughly understood by the English. The kaiser complains of being alone among a nation of 60,000,000. And so indeed he is—a man with a progressive mental disease is always alone. But for his present capers the bacilli that attack his brain are alone responsible. British people can hardly understand how much the Germans have already had to suffer on account of their emperor. Shall they again suffer—shall fresh enmities arise between the British and the Germans on account of the latest folly of this dangerous man who wears the purple? The emperor has dethroned himself, although he may still continue to wear the much abused crown of his forefathers."

Six weeks' mild imprisonment, which might just as well be called a vacation is the punishment which a court-martial at Metz has seen fit to impose upon a regimental bandmaster convicted of having cruelly ill treated his subordinates on 1280 separate counts. The court only investigated 855 charges, which were all supported by strong evidence.

There is great indignation at the sentence, and it is pointed out that to ill treat a soldier in Germany, according to the decision of the court-martial, costs only a little more than an hour's pleasant relief from duty on full pay.

The statement has repeatedly been made in various European and American papers that the widow of the murdered Grand Duke Serge, Grand Duchess Elizabeth Feodorovna, sister of the czarina.

# SANTA CLAUS AS HE USED TO BE



This cartoon shows many striking changes from the modern conception of Santa Claus and his traditional under outfit. Here we see rather a middle aged man, without the gray beard, but with the same genial face. It may be Santa Claus as he used to be in the long ago, although the children hate to think he will ever grow too old to make his annual visit. Instead of the reindeer we see the festive turkey and several pigs. Instead of the morning presents we see the class of Christmas toys which pleased the children of 50 years ago.

had taken the veil and entered a nunnery. One paper even published her daily life in a convent where speech was forbidden.

The fact is that the grand duchess, who has always been interested in charity, and who is the idol of the people of Moscow, has founded in that city what we would call a "deaconess home," the object of which is to supply the population of the poorer classes with free nurses, district visitor and infant school teachers.

The authorities of Berlin point with great pride to the fact that in spite of the bad times only 1-3 per cent of the people of the greatest city are unemployed.

## NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

The following new books may be examined at the public library during this week and will be ready for circulation Monday, December 14:

- BIOGRAPHY.**  
 Hawkins—A Seadog of Devon; the Life of Sir John Hawkins; by R. A. J. Walling, 1907.  
**BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.**  
 Astrup—Blandt Nordpolens Naboer, Carlen—Rosen på Tistelön, Tegner—Fritlofs Saga, Chateaubriand—Les Martyrs, Cooper—Stifinder, Ibsen—Peer Gynt, Kullberg—Ludwig Rosenberg & Sohn, Laman—Hohenzollern, Masterlinck—Le Tresor des Humbles, Rosny—Les deux Femmes.

## Stray Topics From Old New York

New York, Dec. 12.—It is not pleasant to contemplate the evanescence of fame. It makes one shudder to think of the sacrifice of grinding the mummy of some ancient Egyptian king into powder to be used as a pigment or of Caesar's body, "turned to clay," to be used to close a bungalow. It gives a shock to one's bump of reverence to see a gown that once adorned some world famous queen, dragged over the rough boards of a stage by some cheap actress. The sale of a great man's personal effects is sadder and more depressing than his funeral.

Sentimentalism is not a prominent American characteristic. A great man may die, his death may mean a great loss to the country or to the world in general, but beyond the passing of memorial resolutions and more or less pomp displayed at his funeral the American public pays no further tribute to his memory. In some cases a monument is erected in honor of the great departed, provided he had been a general, a governor or a distinguished politician. Little else counts and even in such cases the erection of the monument is considered compensation in full for everything of merit the deceased may have done for his country.

The other day the personal effects of Edwin Booth, including a large quantity of stage costumes which he has worn during his long and honorable career, were sold at auction in one of the fashionable auction rooms on Fifth avenue. The things were sold by order of Edwin Booth's daughter, Mrs. Gossman, the daughter of Edwin Booth, who probably needed ready cash more than a lot of old costumes and still older furniture and bric-a-brac, the principal value of which consisted in their intimate association with her great and lamented father. Mrs. Gossman may not be to blame for this apparent lack of filial veneration for her father's memory, yet the idea of the auction sale is shocking and repulsive to finer sensibilities. "Sic transit gloria mundi!"

Some unidentified scoundrel, undoubtedly belonging to the clan of anarchistic murderers and cutthroats which seem to be the most characteristic industrial product of Paterson, N. J., threw a bomb at a police officer in that city the other day. The officer, who was wearing a hat and a coat, was struck and injured several persons. It is incredible that the existence of such a hotbed of anarchism and crime should be tolerated in any civilized community. So long as the Paterson anarchists have not themselves to assassinate American presidents, the police authorities of that city spilled indignantly at the "innocence" of the police authorities who, if the latter, however, should begin to use members of the Paterson police force as targets for bombs, it is quite likely that the police authorities will reach the conclusion that it would be in the interest of the community to stamp out that nest of criminals.

Scarcely a week passes without the announcement that some prominent actor or actress has gone on a "devil" tour. It begins to look as if the days of the legitimate playhouses were counted and as if they would be counted to become vaudeville houses or close their doors. A great deal has been written about the commercialism of the theatrical managers. But, how about the players? Is it not the rank and file of the profession, a good actor or actress, for the sake of increasing their incomes, abandon the legitimate for the vaudeville stage? The latest addition to the ranks of the deserters from the legitimate stage is Mrs. James Brown Potter. What makes the step taken by her so much more inexplicable is that she did not have to take it for the sake of money. She is reputed to be quite wealthy.

Persistence may be a virtue, but it may become dangerous if exercised without discretion. A book sent, for instance, who had been kicked out of the front door, would be absolutely foolhardy, should he attempt to re-enter the house through the back door. One of the members of the burglar fraternity learned by experience the other day that not only in the book of his profession, but also in the housebreakers' profession persistence may lose virtue and become an ill advised blunder. Some time ago the man was arrested for trying to break into the establishment of a wholesale fur dealer. His companion was sent to the penitentiary, but he, himself, escaped. The other day he made a second attempt to rob the same fur establishment and was promptly caught in the act.

In sharp contrast to the Rev. Dr. Aker, of Rockefeller's church, the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst is not an admirer of the ubiquitous suffragette. On the occasion of his Thanksgiving sermon at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, Dr. Parkhurst spoke of the womanly character of the New England women in colonial times and commended them with the women of the present generation in New York. Incidentally he gave one of the cleverest epigrammatic definitions of "suffragette."

"We had no suffragettes in New England," he said. "I mean that we had so far as I remember, no females that felt that a mistake had been made in creating them females instead of males. They seemed well satisfied with the sex that God had given them, and thought, perhaps, if they thought anything about it, that a person feminine by nature but who tries to become masculine by artifice, falls as far short of what she wants to be as she does of remaining what she ought to be; or to express it by a line quoted from the poet Drayton 'Nor man nor woman, scarce hermaphrodite.'"

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Mrs. Spees spent a lot of time making the costume, and she fully deserved the handsome prize which she received. This was but one of many amusing and original costumes seen on the floor that evening.

Disillusion. Little Johnnie had just learned the heart-breaking fact that there wasn't a really Santa Claus, and he felt that the world had collapsed about his ears. "I don't believe a—nothing at all," he sobbed. "I don't believe—believe there's any George Washington neither!"

Ladies' tan rubbers at Knight's.

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Sperling—Eine Weltreise Unter Deutscher Flagge. DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL. Calvert—Toledo; an Historical and Descriptive Account, 1907. Craig—Recollections of an ill-fated Expedition to the Headwaters of the Madeira River in Brazil, 1907. Lane—Cairo Fifty Years Ago, 1898. Smith—China and America Today, 1908.

**FICTION.**  
 Day—The Story of Two Boys; Retold by Clifton Johnson. Oppenheim—The Great Secret. Smedley—The Daughter. Williams—The Girl and the Game, and Other College Stories.

**FINE ARTS.**  
 Abraham—The Complete Mountaineer, 1907. Sullivan—The Olympic Games at Athens, 1906, 1907. Van Dyck—Sir Anthony Van Dyck; by Hugh Stokes, 1908. Wright—The Art of Caricature, 1904.

**LANGUAGE.**  
 Monsanto & Langueiller—A Practical Course in Spanish, 1908. Weesley & Girones—Handy Dictionary of the English and Spanish Languages.

**LITERATURE.**  
 Trevelyan—The Poetry and Philosophy of George Meredith, 1908. Warren, comp.—Under the Holly Bough, a collection of Christmas poems, 1907.

**RELIGION.**  
 Paris, comp.—Pleasant Sunday Afternoons for the Children, a book for parents, 1907. Lindsay—History of the Reformation, 2/v. 1906-1907. Plummer—The Church of the Early Fathers, 1908.

**SCIENCE.**  
 Hepworth—Notes on Maritime Meteorology, 1907. Kullberg—Ludwig Book of Volcanoes and Earthquakes, 1907.

**SOCIOLOGY.**  
 Mackey—Symbolism of Free Masonry, 1889. Shuck—Medieval Stories, translated from the Swedish by W. F. Harvey, 1908. Wilson—Constitutional Government in the United States, 1908.

**USEFUL ARTS.**  
 Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company—Cableways for Hoisting and Conveying, 1908. Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company—Logging by Steam, 1905. Moody—Men, Who Sell Things, observations and experiences of over 20 years as traveling salesman, 1908. Rickard—Guide to Technical Writing, 1908. Roward—Boller Incrustation and Corrosion, 1904. Starbuck—Practical Wrinkles for the Plumber, 1907. Terry—India Rubber and Its Manufacture, 1907. Vosburgh—The Tinsmith's Helper and Pattern Book, ed. 4, 1908.

**BOOKS ADDED TO REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.**  
 Berlepsch—Rhopodion, bilder aus den Schweizer Alpen, 1907. Channing—History of the United States, v. 2, 1908. Crelle—Calculating Tables, ed. 3, 1906. Dresden—Königliche Gemaldegalerie, katalog.

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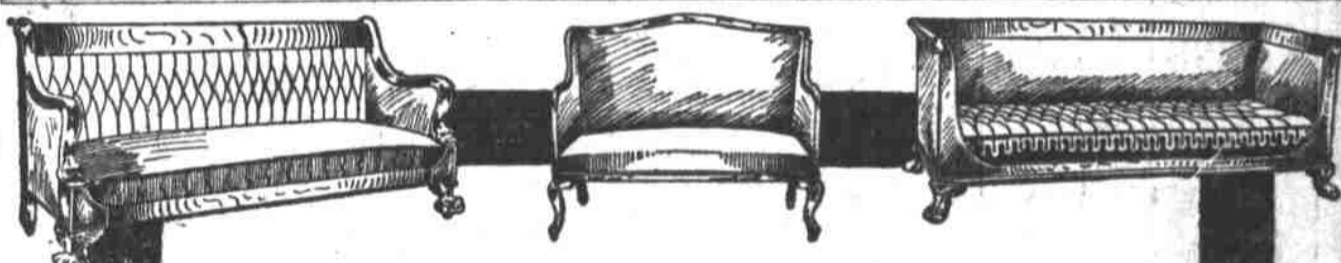
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