

KING'S FALL CAUSED BY WHIMIS

Bavarian Cabinet Makes Report on Ludwig II for Purpose of Securing His Incarceration—Odd Fancies, Borrowed Huge Sums.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Berlin, Dec. 26.—In order to justify the incarceration of King Ludwig II of Bavaria as a madman, a remarkable report made by the Bavarian cabinet to a secret session of the diet has this week been made public in the columns of the Neue Freie Volkszeitung of Munich. This report gives new details of the unfortunate monarch's eccentricities.

From his earliest childhood the king evinced signs of insanity, as did his brother, the still living and insane King Otto. Ludwig began to arouse comment in 1864 through his disinclination to receive foreign rulers or diplomats. His majesty was so obsessed by his literary studies that he would interrupt audiences with ministers with quotations from Schiller.

Later he developed a dislike for meeting people, declined to attend church, and built himself a luxurious private chapel. The presence of the public in theatres also disturbed him, and he commanded operas and plays to be performed to him alone.

Between 1878 and 1881 the king insisted on living in seclusion in his country houses for months at a time, and when he returned to the Munich castle regarded it as a prison.

At court banquets the king believed he was on his way to the scaffold and insisted upon being hidden behind banks of flowers. The music had to be of a thunderous character and when it was not loud enough the king would strike the floor violently with his sword. It was, by the way, a great patron of Richard Wagner.

His majesty was once seized with a fancy for giving entertainments to a stable boy, with whom he played the most childish games. He once feasted the boys in the Turkish room of his superb palace of Linderhof, built on the model of Versailles in the time of Louis XIV who, the king declared, was his ideal.

Finally the mad ruler declined to associate with anybody except servants. In the last years of his reign he gave no court dinners and no audiences, and abandoned all direct intercourse with the cabinet. Commands and messages had to be transmitted through servants. Finally, royal decrees were issued through locked doors, the servants being required to indicate their understanding by scratching the door.

Nobody Permitted to Address Him.
Anybody who entered the king's presence had to kiss his hand, while nobody was permitted to address him, and messages could be communicated only by gestures.

Once the king drove out clad in a golden and purple Louis XIV costume and surrounded by an escort of mounted gendarmes to shield him from assassination.

It was his majesty's unparalleled extravagance which caused his dethronement. He spent millions of pounds in building gorgeous castles, and making them in the most costly style. He constantly demanded increases in the civil list and dismissed or ordered the arrest of ministers who declined to carry out his wishes. Frequent loans were made to cover the deficits caused by the king's habits.

Meanwhile the monarch himself devised all kinds of fantastic schemes for meeting his expenses. He was intensely jealous of his quarters, and today the quartermaster Hesselshewer, who had to suffer in many ways from the king's caprices, was dispatched to Paris, and the Prince of Thurn and Taxis in search of a loan, while another personage was ordered to Vienna to attempt to obtain an advance of five million francs from the emperor. In fact, definite orders were given that funds should be sought in almost every capital of the world, including Constantinople and Teheran. The king even commanded that an envoy should be sent to his court, and he proposed. He also ordered the formation of a robber band to break into the banks of Stuttgart, Berlin and Paris, and carry off for him the stores of gold and silver.

At the same time four members of his entourage were instructed each to raise a loan of \$1,000,000.

Another peculiarity of the king was his devotion to inanimate objects. He never passed a particular tree, or the shores of the Stranberg lake without raising his hands in the gesture of benediction. In the Schloss Linderhof stood a marble pillar, which the monarch always touched when he passed it, and which he embraced affectionately whenever he left the place on a prolonged absence. Moreover, he insisted on others participating in this cult, and Hesselshewer was compelled to kneel down before a picture which it is believed was the portrait of Marie Antoinette. This custom was continued by King Ludwig's favorite historical personages, and he was accustomed to entertain them in his imagination with sumptuous hospitality.

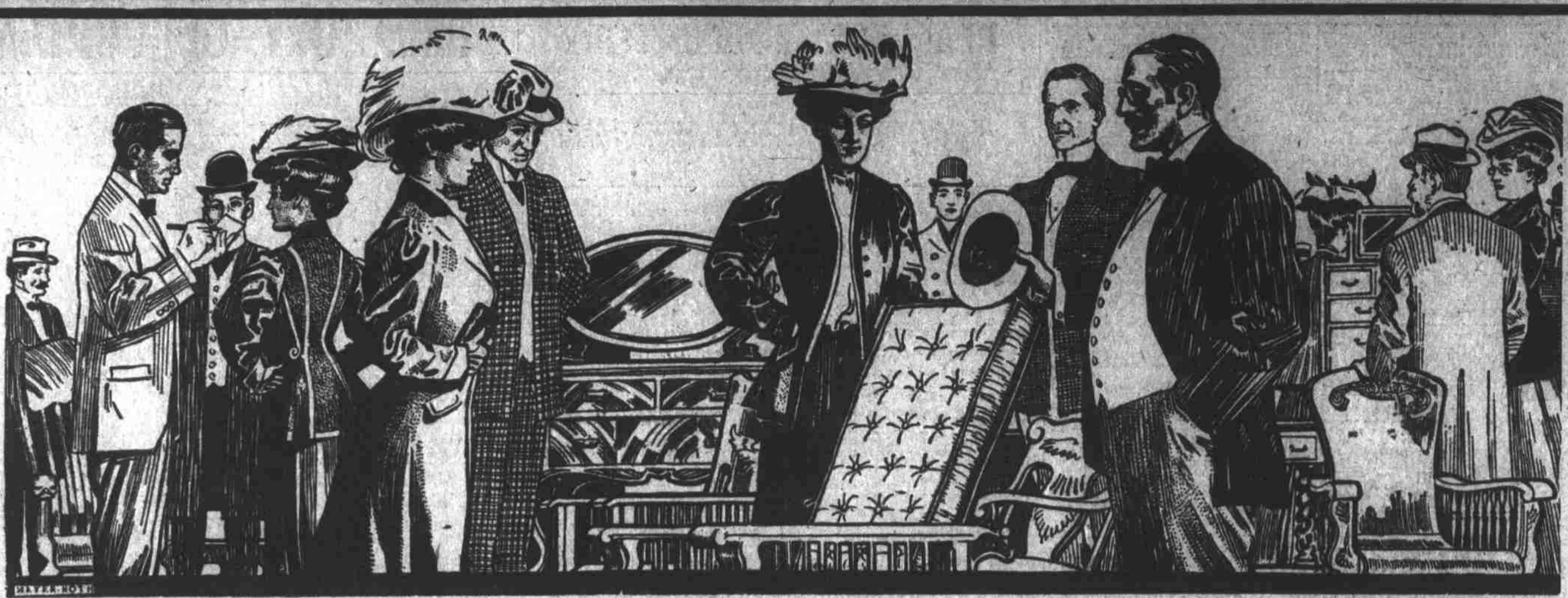
The king was subject to curious personal antipathies. He was intensely jealous of the German crown prince, who enjoyed great popularity in Bavaria, and commissioned Hesselshewer to hire a band of robbers to kidnap him and imprison him in a cave, where he was to be fed on bread and water. In 1864 the same official was instructed to have the war minister Melliker flung into the castle dungeon, and to devise some especially terrible punishment for the finance minister who had incurred the sovereign's wrath by his representations as to the royal debts.

DEWEY AN INVALID ON HIS BIRTHDAY

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 26.—Admiral George Dewey celebrated today his first birthday at his home. An acute attack of sciatica held the veteran sea fighter fast to his chair, and he could receive but few callers, but he was flooded with remembrances from a host of friends throughout the country.

The admiral keenly regretted his ailment. Last year he entertained on this occasion the president and his guests and two years ago he was at dinner at the White House. Formerly the men who were with him in the fight at Manila bay called to celebrate with the commander and he was one of the most enthusiastic and joyous of the gathering. Today only a few called, and they could see him but for a brief word of congratulation.

British Old-Age Pensions.
From the London Outlook.
Ireland has always contributed more than its due share to the humor as well as the wisdom of parliamentary proceedings; but it eclipsed itself on Monday night when Mr. Lloyd-George made a statement as to the claims so far made for old-age pensions in different parts of the kingdom. While in England only 47,187 persons over 65 years of age have claimed pensions, in Wales 23,968 out of 55,000 and in Scotland 18,785 out of 134,000, it appears that in Ireland fewer than 10,000 persons have put in claims, although there are only 184,000 persons known to be living over 65 years of age.



WM. GADSBY & SONS' 18TH ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

There isn't an item mentioned in this announcement that isn't priced ONE-THIRD UNDER VALUE—many articles are offered at A FULL HALF under regular price. You can gain an excellent idea of the amount Gadsbys can save you on your complete home outfit by comparing the splendid values here shown with the best offerings of any other store in Oregon. Whether on single articles or on COMPLETE HOME OUTFITS, we undersell them all—undersell them BY A BIG MARGIN, too. DON'T SPEND A CENT for anything in the line of home furnishings until you've visited Gadsbys'.

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Such a sale as this in its immensity has never been held in Portland before. Every piece of Parlor Furniture in our vast stock at a price that is lower than the wholesale manufacturers' cost.

Kitchen Furniture Bargains

- Leader Ranges, 6 hole with high closet, \$35, reduced to **\$27.00**
- Reliance Ranges, 4 hole with high closet, \$40, reduced to **\$35.00**
- Majestic Ranges 10 per cent discount. **\$9.00**
- Cook Stoves, No. 7, worth \$12, reduced to **\$12.00**
- Cook Stoves, No. 8, worth \$16, reduced to **\$12.00**
- Kitchen Cupboards, solid oak, glass fronts, \$15, reduced to **\$12.00**
- Kitchen Cupboards, solid fronts, \$10, reduced to **\$7.50**
- Kitchen Cupboards, wire ends, regular \$6.00, reduced to **\$4.50**
- Kitchen Tables, regular \$1.75, reduced to **\$1.25**
- Kitchen Chairs, 75c, reduced to **50c**
- Kitchen Treasures, \$3.50, reduced to **\$2.50**
- Kitchen Cabinets, Pacific oak, worth \$18, **\$14.00**
- Washing Machines, worth \$12, reduced to **\$8.50**
- Mrs. Pott's Irons, set complete, worth \$1.50, **90c**
- Patent Roasters, enameled, 75c, reduced to **40c**
- Washtubs, galvanized iron, large size, \$1.50, reduced to **90c**
- Washtubs, galvanized iron, small size, \$1.00, reduced to **75c**
- Drop Leaf Tables, worth \$3.50, reduced to **\$2.50**

Office Furniture Bargains

- 1 Roll Top Desk, 6 feet long, solid quarter sawed oak, worth \$60, reduced to **\$45.00**
- 3 Roll Top Desks, in early English, with letter files, pigeon hole boxes, and full equipment, 34 inches deep, 54 inches wide, full quarter sawed oak, \$52, reduced to **\$39.00**
- 4 Roll Top Desks, golden oak, 50 inches wide, 30 inches deep, drawers on both sides, deep drawers for books, regular \$30, now **\$22.00**
- 1 No. 1510 Roll Top Mahogany, 60 inch, \$95.25, reduced to **\$65.00**
- 1 No. 1512 Roll Top Mahogany, 60 inch, \$113.50, reduced to **\$75.00**
- 1 No. 1510 Roll-Top Mahogany, 54 inch, \$88, reduced to **\$60.00**
- 1 No. 1610 Roll Top Mahogany, 60 inch, \$122, reduced to **\$90.00**
- 1 No. 1630 Roll Top Mahogany, 60 inch, \$205, reduced to **\$150.00**
- 1 No. 1266 Roll Top Mahogany, 54 inch, \$80, reduced to **\$55.00**
- 2 No. 1 Flat Top Golden Oak, 48x32 inches, \$20, **\$15.00**
- 6 No. 2 Flat Top Pacific Oak, 42x32 inches, \$16, **\$12.00**
- 1 No. 3 Mission Desk, 48x32, flat top, \$18, **\$14.00**
- And 25 other Desks at big reductions.

Carpets and Rugs

- 15 Madras Brussels Rugs, 9x12, regular \$15, reduced to **\$9.75**
- 4 Patterns of Eureka Brussels, 9x12, regular \$20, reduced to **\$15.00**
- 6 Patterns Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12, regular \$30, reduced to **\$20.00**
- 4 Patterns Axminster Rugs, 9x12, regular \$35, reduced to **\$25.00**
- 20 Rugs of odd sizes, made from Remnants, at less than cost of carpet used. Bring size of your room.
- 10 Burlington Brussels, 9x12, regular \$25, reduced to **\$18.00**
- 10 Rolls of Axminster, worth \$1.60, reduced to **\$1.15**
- 16 Rolls of Wilton Velvet, worth \$1.60, reduced to **\$1.15**
- 15 Rolls Tapestry, worth \$1.10, reduced to **85c**
- 2 Rolls Tapestry, worth \$1, reduced to **60c**
- 1000 yards of Inlaid Linoleum, \$1.60 per yard, reduced to **\$1.25**
- 190 yards Printed Linoleum, 80c, reduced to **65c**
- 100 Sample Rugs Brussels, worth \$1.50, reduced each **90c**
- 500 yards Floor Oil Print, worth 50c, reduced to yd. **40c**

Library Furniture

- 16 Weathered Oak Library Tables at a discount of 25 per cent.
- 4 Library Tables in golden oak, \$20, now **\$14.50**
- 2 Library Cases, 60 inches wide, 5 feet high in genuine oak, 3 glass doors, \$30, reduced to **\$20.00**
- 4 Combination Bookcase-Desks in mahogany finish, regular \$25 size, reduced to **\$18.50**
- 4 Combination Bookcases with Desk in Pacific oak, regular price \$22, reduced to **\$16.00**
- 10 Library Tables, mission style, early English, or golden oak finish, size 20x30 inches, regular price \$14, now reduced to **\$9.50**
- 1 Library Table, suitable for doctor's room, 8 feet long, 3 1/2 feet wide, worth \$75, reduced to **\$40.00**
- 10 Bust Pedestals in golden oak, \$7.50, reduced to **\$4.50**
- 6 Bookcases for curtain, regular \$4.50, reduced to **\$3.00**
- 4 Weathered Oak Cases, dwarf only, 38 inches high, 40 inches wide, regular \$28, now **\$22.00**
- 1 Oak Hanging Bookshelf, 36 inches wide, \$8, now **\$6.00**
- 2 Pacific Oak Bookcases, 36 inches wide, 5 feet high, 2 glass doors, regular price \$18, reduced to **\$12.00**

Bedroom Furniture

- Tuna Mahogany Dressers, Princess style, with French mirror 18x36 and 18x40, 6 patterns to select from ranging in price from \$35 to \$27.50, your choice of these at **\$19.50**
- Cheval Dresser, oval mirror in white maple, two large drawers on bottom and three small drawers beside mirror, regular \$28, reduced to **\$16.00**
- Colonist Dresser and Chiffonier in golden oak, glass handles, very stylish pair, worth \$75, special reduction for this sale to **\$55.00**
- French Dressers in birdseye maple, mahogany or golden quarter sawed oak, regular \$31, reduced to **\$25.00**
- French Dressers in solid oak with beautiful designed mirror 22x28 inches, worth \$22, now **\$16.00**
- Dressers in Pacific oak with beveled glasses at \$16.50, special for this sale **\$12.50**
- Hotel Dressers in ash, worth \$10, now **\$7.00**
- Napoleon Beds in oak, mahogany and birdseye, regular price \$38, special **\$22.50**
- Iron Beds at a straight discount of **10 per cent**
- Brass Bedsteads at a discount of **25 per cent**
- Springs and Mattresses all reduced.

Parlor Furniture

- Parlor Suits, 5 pieces consisting of Sofa, Rocker, Armchair, Reception Chair and Parlor Chair, spring seats, upholstered seat and back and green and gold velours, worth \$40, special **\$27.50**
- Parlor Suits, 3 pieces nicely upholstered in green verona on imitation mahogany frames—all hardwood, worth \$20, special **\$15.00**
- Bed Davenport upholstered in green verona on oak frames, worth \$25, reduced to **\$17.00**
- Divans in mahogany finish, silk plush upholstery, regular \$25, reduced to **\$17.00**
- Couches upholstered in Boston leather, worth \$20, now **\$15.00**
- Sofa Beds upholstered in velours, \$18, **\$13.50**
- Parlor Tables, Colonial designs in genuine mahogany veneers or quartered golden oak, \$7.50, now **\$3.65**
- Parlor Reception Chairs highly polished, mahogany finish, worth \$7, reduced to **\$3.50**
- Parlor Cabinets, mahogany with French mirrors for bric a brac, \$35, reduced to **\$22.50**
- Music Cabinets, open front, mahogany finish, regular \$10, reduced to **\$6.50**

Bargains in Dining Room Furniture

- Dining Suit, solid oak, early English or Weathered finish consisting of Sideboard, 6 Chairs and Dining Table, worth \$78, special for this sale **\$58.00**
- Dining Room Suit in Pacific imitation oak, consisting of Sideboard, 6 Chairs and Extension Table, worth regularly \$48, special sale price **\$35.00**
- Dining Suit in mahogany, \$750, goes for **\$500.00**
- This is an uptown \$1000 Suit.
- Dining Suit in mahogany of Sideboard, China Closet, 6 Chairs, 1 Carver, Extension Table, worth \$300, for **\$175.00**
- 12 other Mahogany Dining Room Suits offered at a straight discount of **33 1-3 per cent.**
- 25 Dining Room Suits in early English at a special discount of **25 per cent**
- 3 Solid Oak Sideboards, \$25, reduced to **\$20.00**
- 1 Solid Oak Sideboard, \$80, reduced to **\$55.00**
- 3 Ash Sideboards, regular \$22, now **\$17.00**
- 4 China Closets, golden oak, \$25, now **\$18.50**
- 1 China Closet, golden oak, \$80, now **\$55.00**