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GERMANY PLANS TO
INCREASE SQUADRON
IN TURKISH WATERS

Unsettled Conditions That Will
Long Prevail in Near East
Urge More Protection.

(By the International News Service.)
Berlin, May 24.—Undoubtedly because matters in the near east are to be unsettled for years, yet because of the heterogeneous mixture of quarrelsome nationalities inhabiting the countries adjoining the eastern parts of the Mediterranean and adjoining seas, Germany has finally decided to strengthen her naval squadron there, a fact not to be wondered at when it is considered how great are Germany's commercial interests in these parts.

At present the German Mediterranean squadron consists of one dreadnought battle cruiser, the Goeben, with 10 11-inch guns and six smaller cruisers, of which two are training cruisers, however.

At present these vessels have no naval base at all, but according to an agreement reached with Turkey, while that country was still hoping for Germany's support, German capitalists will now spend millions to develop the port of Alexandria, where among other things large dry docks are to be built, ostensibly for the use of the large steamers of the North German Lloyd and other German shipping companies, but in reality intended for the use of Germany's naval vessels. And when these works are finished, one more German battle cruiser and two armored cruisers will be sent to the Mediterranean. A protest on the part of any other power, notably England, cannot be properly made, as all the harbor improvements at Alexandria are being made by private concerns.

FORECASTS WEATHER
BY WATER IN SEA

(By the International News Service.)
London, May 24.—Are we going to have a summer as hot as last year's? Professor Basset of University college, Reading, who believes that the weather can be foretold by the character of the water in the Irish Sea, thinks that we shall.

"I draw my conclusions," he said, "entirely from the nature of the water we find in the Irish Sea—the amount of salt in it, and so on, and I find that there are fairly striking variations in that from year to year. The observations have only been continued for about six years, but so far as they have gone we can divide them into four types, and it looks as if those different types correspond to four different types of summer."

"The changes we get in the Irish Sea, I consider, give an indication of the changes going on in the open Atlantic, and the weather we get seems to be very largely dependent on what is happening out there."

"This year the sort of water obtained is similar to what we had last year, and it looks to me as if we are in for a summer like last year."

"The professor added that his theory was supported by the appearances of numbers of the small floating animals known as Portuguese men-of-war, as was the case last year, and by the fact that Atlantic ice was again coming down much further south than usual."

ST. PETERSBURG MECCA
FOR WORLD SCIENTISTS

(By the International News Service.)
St. Petersburg, May 24.—The International Congress of Scientific Association is meeting this year in St. Petersburg. The leading American delegate is George Ellery Hale, the famous astronomer, who comes on behalf of the National Academy of Sciences at Washington. The Russian government has announced it has decided to suspend restrictions against Jews and Jews who may be chosen as delegates from foreign countries on this occasion, but Jewish scientists have refused to accept any concessions which are not extended to other law-abiding members of their race.

America's group arrived here toward the end of the month and will spend some time in rural Russia studying the cooperative system as applied to agriculture. This system is spreading rapidly in Russia.

Emigration to the United States from Finland, Russia, to the Baltic provinces touched higher figures this month. In the Oesel and Mustel regions of Kurl and wholesale emigration has brought a crisis in the labor market. The immediate cause is a letter from a workman who went from Ansekul a year ago and who already has sent home to his wife more than 1200 rubles in savings.

NEWS FROM FOREIGN CAPITALS

NEW FORTIFICATIONS
OF BELGIUM OFFEND
GERMAN WAR LORDS

Small Nation Suspects Invasion in Event of Franco-German War and Prepares.

(By the International News Service.)
London, May 24.—The people and government of Belgium have incurred the ill will of the Kaiser and his government, because they insist in going ahead with fortifications which would prove very much in the way of Germany in case of a Franco-German war, in spite of the fact that the neutrality of Belgium is guaranteed by international treaties.

Belgium, like any other country, is, of course, perfectly free to build as many fortresses as she wants to, but the Kaiser is angry because the guns of all those built or being built are turned toward Germany while nothing or next to nothing is being done to provide against a French attack and it has not served to calm him that France has openly admitted that in case of war she counts on England sending a division of troops into Belgium to help that country ward off a German attempt to march across Belgian territory to the French frontier. The cause of Belgium's distrust is said to be that the French government has secretly informed her that the late Field Marshal von Moltke's plans of war against France, which are kept in the archives of the German general staff in the ministry of war in Berlin is mainly based on an attack of this kind.

Question Broached in Reichstag.
The question was brought up in the Reichstag recently when Herr von Jagow, the German secretary for foreign affairs, was told by a Socialist member that great anxiety was being felt by all classes in Belgium because they feared that Germany would not respect the country's neutrality a moment longer than it suited her plans to do so, that in other words German troops would invade Belgium the moment a war broke out between Germany and France.

Secretary's Replies Are Evasive.
Herr von Jagow evasively replied that Belgium's neutrality was guaranteed by all the powers, but this reply did not satisfy the Socialists, who are generally anything but disposed to be turned away by mere platitudes. And in this question less than ever, because the government permits jingo and Pan-German magazines to declare openly time and again that Germany does contemplate the violation of these international agreements, without even denying them officially.

Another Socialist asked if diplomacy could find no way of bringing about a rapprochement between France and Germany, but to this question the foreign minister could find no other reply than that Germany for more than 40 years had proved her love of peace.

In reply to another question he answered that the idea that an end might be put to competitive armaments was absolutely Utopian.

WORD GRANDMOTHER
CAUSES DISCUSSION

(By the International News Service.)
Paris, May 24.—Mrs. A. E. Labouche, wealthy daughter of Mrs. Whitney Hoff of Detroit, caused a flutter recently by limiting the age of the women whom she invites to her social gathering to about 40. Girls and young widows only are welcome to her receptions, which are highly popular with her male guests. On the contrary, an article on Chicago grandmothers, by that erudite academician, Emile Faguet, has caused much mirth here. Faguet says although the word grandmother usually is synonymous with old woman, in Chicago women are sometimes grandmothers at 22.

LADY DUFFERIN WOULD
RENT NORTH HOUSE

(By the International News Service.)
London, May 24.—Even generous Americans are falling under the spell of the English fashion of "make all you can" and now the Marchioness of Dufferin is offering for rent, North House, her fine place at Putney. Lady Dufferin is willing to accept a fancy price for the use of this beautiful place for the season and, in addition, the splendid art treasures. This suburban mansion is rich in social traditions. Lady Dufferin would only consider a weekly rental of 100 guineas, which would make North House only a rich man's prize.

FAMOUS DUTCH CHESS EXPERT PLAYING AGAINST SIX BOARDS



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Loman is here playing six chess games at once (only four of the boards are shown in the picture) in the Imperial club in London. He never makes a move made by his opponent and every position is defeated.

KAISER'S DAUGHTER WHO WAS MARRIED



Princess Victoria Luise, only daughter of Emperor William, who married Prince Ernest August, son of the Duke of Cumberland, yesterday.

Prince of Cumberland German and English

Berlin, May 24.—Following are some interesting facts about the House of Cumberland, into which Princess Victoria Luise was married today. The Prince of Cumberland is both German and English. He is a great-grandson of King George III of Great Britain. His grandfather was a brother of Queen Victoria of England, they both having been children of George III. In the event of the failure of succession of present heirs to the throne of England, it would probably be the present Duke of Cumberland, or in the event of his death, the Prince of Cumberland, who would succeed to the throne, because of their descent from King George. The arms of the House of Cumberland are almost similar to those of the royal family of Great Britain. The Duke of Cumberland is a Prince of Great Britain, a general in the British army and a colonel in the Austrian army.

CROY WOULD HAVE MISS LEISHMAN AS HIS
DUCHESS ONLY; ALLIANCE NOT MORGANATIC

By Marquis de Castellane.
(By the International News Service.)
Paris, May 24.—The approaching marriage of Miss Nancy Leishman, daughter of Ambassador John G. Leishman, makes a live question of the old subject of morganatic marriages. Let me settle it once for all.

A morganatic marriage is a real one both from the standpoint of church and state. The difference between it and the usual marriage is that the contracting party of inferior rank renounces for self and offspring all rights to honors, titles and emoluments which might otherwise accrue from the union.

For instance, the late King Leopold contracted a morganatic marriage with Caroline La Croix, otherwise the Baroness Vaughan. Their two children could never claim heirship to the throne nor to the king's property.

All this talk about a morganatic marriage between the second daughter of Ambassador and Mrs. Leishman, and Duke Karl Croy, arises from a misconception of the facts. The Duke of Croy never proposed a morganatic marriage to Miss Leishman. While her fiancé is a "sovereign duke" ranking with reigning dynasties he never even intimated that the daughter of the Pittsburgh millionaire was not his equal. And if he had she would not have accepted him. There is no case on record where an American girl has contracted a morganatic marriage.

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PRINCESS LUISE WAS
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Marriage of Kaiser's Daughter
Recalls Possible Matches in
Which Name Has Appeared

(By the International News Service.)
Berlin, May 24.—Many diplomats of the various courts of Europe had planned the betrothal of the Princess Victoria Luise, whose marriage to Prince Ernest August occurred today, to some princeling for reasons of state. All of these diplomatic conspiracies have been in vain.

Many were the royal suitors for the hand of the Kaiser's only daughter. A few paid hasty visits to Berlin in the hope that they might gain the affections of the princess whom many royal mothers considered a prize match for their sons, but the departure from Berlin was, in most cases, quite as hasty.

One of the first suitors for the hand of the princess was the deposed King Manuel of Portugal. Also it was said an alliance with the king of Portugal at that time would not have displeased the Kaiser at all. In fact, so interested in the proposed match did the Kaiser appear that he arranged a meeting between himself and the queen mother Amelia of Portugal, presumably to discuss possibilities of the marriage.

Something happened, however, before this meeting could be brought about, and all talk of Princess Victoria Luise becoming betrothed to King Manuel was dropped. Probably the princess put her foot down as she has since done in other instances, and declined to be wedded to the Portuguese king.

Prince Adolph of Mecklenburg-Strelitz was another who paid court to the princess. Apparently the princess regarded him with some favor, for the two were seen about together a great deal at court functions in Berlin. One day the court left Berlin very hurriedly and on the following day the princess left for Celerina, Switzerland, quite as hurriedly, it being given out that the princess suffered from a "cold" and had gone to the high altitudes of Switzerland to recover.

This explanation was accepted by but a few. It was the general belief that the princess had had a genuine love affair with the prince, but no reason has ever been assigned for the sudden termination of it.

In 1910 the Archduke Karl Franz, eldest son of the late Archduke Otto of Austria, was mentioned as a possible future husband for the princess. The Archduke, Karl Franz, it was pointed out at the time, might some day be emperor of Austria, in the event of the failure of succession of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, son of Emperor Franz Joseph. The Kaiser paid a visit to Vienna for a conference with the emperor of Austria, with the object of discussing the rumored match. It was said, but nothing ever came of it. Perhaps the princess objected to the archduke, too. At this time the princess was 18 years old and the archduke was 23 years old.

Prince Adolph mentioned.
Then there followed in rapid order rumors that the princess was to marry Prince Leopold, son of Prince Henry of Battenberg, and Prince Arthur of Connaught. It was asserted that King Edward was so interested in effecting a marriage between the son of his brother and the Princess Victoria Luise, that he arranged to have Prince Arthur raised to a peerage of his own. The Duke of Connaught, however, objected to this. King Edward, it was said, wanted to make Prince Arthur the duke of Kent.

In 1911 it was said that a match between the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and the princess was being arranged, this despite the fact that what had appeared to be a plan to marry the princess to Prince Adolph of Mecklenburg-Strelitz had fallen through. King George is said to have favored a marriage between Princess Victoria Luise and the Prince of Wales, according to a report which became current in official circles in London recently. No statement is recorded which could ever be obtained in Berlin.

In addition to alleged affairs of the heart with royal suitors, and it is really probable that only of these was an affair of the heart, the princess is said to have given her affections on one or two occasions to men who were not of royal blood. This may be true, but it is likely that these were merely girlish love affairs, for the princess is still very young, and these affairs took place some time ago.

BRITISH PARCEL POST
TO REACH FAR EAST

London, May 24.—Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel, the postmaster general, announces that the British postal service is planning to establish a parcel post to the Far East by way of the Trans-Siberian railway. Arrangements for this innovation, which has been demanded for some time, are understood to have passed the preliminary stage. Postmaster General Samuel also hopes to extend to India and the Far East in general the system of week-end cable letters at greatly reduced rates. At present, however, he is not prepared to introduce the measure in behalf of the government.

Mr. Samuel also refers to the proposed chain of imperial wireless defenses, stating that sites for stations have been picked out in England, Egypt, India and South Africa. Sites are also being looked for in the Straits Settlements and East Africa.

CHURCH BENEFACTOR
DIES AT AGE OF 88

(By the International News Service.)
London, May 24.—Sir Taten Sykes, Bart., has died in London after a long illness. He was in his eighty-eighth year. Lieutenant Colonel Mark Sykes, M. P., his only son, succeeds to the title and the extensive Siedmere House estate in Yorkshire.

Politics had little interest for Sir Taten Sykes—he visited the house of commons only twice in his life—but he was a leading figure in the sporting world, and many famous races, including Spearmint, the winner of the Derby, were bred at his stud farm at Siedmere. He was a great benefactor of churches and spent more than £7,500,000 in building and restoring them.

Although the little careworn Sir Taten Sykes was 88 years old, he still has no regular tutor to assist him in his studies, sitting all the time in his carriage.