

PRINCE WILHELM KEEPS YOUTHFUL BY OUTDOOR LIFE

Former Kaiser's Eldest Son Slim and Supple As 55th Birthday Near — Is Idol of Society in Potsdam

(Editor's Note: Whether or not his destiny is ever to be Emperor of Germany, a busy athlete of 55, who looks 30 years younger, lives life to the full. The following story tells of the widespread activities of Friedrich Wilhelm Hohenzollern, whose father abdicated; how he punches the bag, golfs, swims, drives racing cars and locomotives, and withal manages the vast family business interests, involving farming, manufacturing and other lines.)

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POTSDAM, April 9.—A passionate love of the outdoor life has made Crown Prince Wilhelm, the former Kaiser's eldest son, the youngest looking man of almost 55 in Berlin society. Were it not for the silver grey hair which adorns his interesting, Frederick-the-Great-like head, nobody would think of him as a quinquagenarian.

His slim, supple, athletic figure is that of a young man in the twenties; his tanned, unruined face gives evidence of an ever youthful constitution.

When he appears at a public function in the smart uniform of a death-head hussar or the dapper, tailless full dress of a naval lieutenant, he is easily the center of attraction, barring not even popular leaders of the third reich.

Hailed by People.
If perchance his dashing Mercedes limousine gets into a traffic jam and the people see at the steering wheel

the man who seemed destined to rule a mighty nation, cheers go up and men and women in every walk of life hail him.

Often he can be seen with the Crown Princess Cecilie at the opera or in philharmonic hall. Immediately there is a craning of necks and rapidly the message spreads, "The imperial family is here tonight."

"I love the outdoor life," the crown prince replied to a question as to his hobbies. "I am fond of hiking, hunting and outdoor sports generally. I used to play tennis a great deal, but more lately have taken to golf. Only this morning I put in two hours at the Wannsee golf club. I don't think one can do both tennis and golf successfully, so I've given up tennis in favor of golf."

Prefers English Novels.

So fond is the crown prince of the English language that he rather prefers English novels to those in any other language. "Rudyard Kipling," he said, "James Oliver Curwood, who is a personal friend of mine and who visited us with his family at Cecilienhof, and Laurie R. R. King are some of my favorites. I also love historical novels and exposes, such as Duff Cooper's 'Talleyrand.'"

"My German readings are chiefly concerned with works on military and historical subjects."

American humor, both in novels and in talks, appeals to the crown prince greatly.

Said he: "I think such pictures as 'Huggies of Red Gap' or 'It Happened One Night' or 'His Last Command' are simply priceless. I consider Clark Gable a marvelous actor. Only recently I saw him again in 'China Seas.'"

Himself a violin player, the Hohenzollern is very fond of music. His favorites are the three German "B's"—Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms, after whom comes the Italian Puccini.

From early manhood the crown prince has taken a deep interest in the theater, which he regards as one of the most important manifestations of life and barometers of culture. Problem plays which give an insight into human nature and psychology have great fascination for him.

It goes almost without saying that a man who once was so close to the throne and who was sent on representative missions to different countries by his imperial father should

take a deep interest in international politics. He is mindful of the fact, however, that a different regime from a monarchial is in the saddle in Germany, and that any move of his part in the way of airing his views for publication might be misinterpreted. He is therefore keeping his own counsel on questions of German politics, both domestic and foreign.

CHILD ACTORS PARENTS RENEW CUSTODY FIGHT

NEW YORK, April 9.—(AP)—Twelve-year-old Freddie Bartholomew, the movie actor, was cast in an episode in his own life drama today—a renewal of his parents' fight to regain the custody of their son.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Llewellyn Bartholomew, were due to arrive from England on the Europa, their attorney said, prepared to contest the guardianship of Freddie which was granted last October 22 by a Los Angeles court to his aunt, Miss Millicent Bartholomew.

UNMANNED BALLOON SETS HEIGHT MARK

NOVOSIBIRSK, U. S. S. R., April 9.—(AP)—Soviet authorities announced today that a small, automatic radio balloon, sent up from the Novosibirsk meteorological station, had reached a height of more than 26 miles.

They declared this to be the highest that a man-made instrument ever has ascended.

The exact altitude registered on the instruments of the balloon, which did not carry passengers, was 42,200 meters—138,451.16 feet.

Crash in Mid-Air.
NEW YORK, April 9.—(AP)—One pilot was reported killed and a second near death after their planes crashed in mid-air today near Roosevelt field at Mineola, N. Y. Their identities were not known.

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ROTATING TERMS WILL BE AIM FOR GAME COMMISSION

Initiative Proposal Will Be Put Before Voters With Argument That Political Juggling Would End

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9.—(AP)—A movement to put before the voters, through an initiative petition, a proposal to stagger the terms of state game commissioners with the argument that it will eliminate political juggling will be started soon.

Application for a ballot title will be filed with the secretary of state in a few days, Ed Averill, chairman of the Oregon state conservation council, said.

The measure provides five-year rotating terms for the five commissioners, with the term of one to expire each year.

They would be appointed by the governor upon recommendation by various sportsmen, wild life groups and others designated by the legislature. Once appointed, they could be removed only by recall or for conviction of malfeasance.

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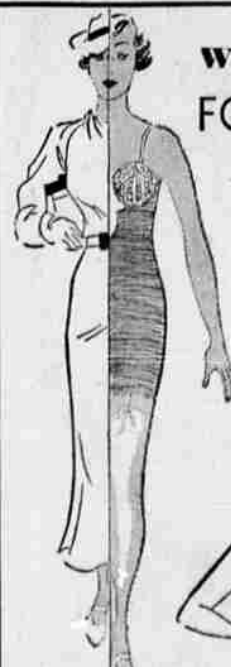
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