

# Scheidemann and His Colleagues Meet the Emperor William's Fury Aroused by Their Arrogance.

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## Wise Counsel of Prince Max Prevails with Wilhelm: "No Longer Do the German People Know Emperors; We Have Come Here to Meet One Herr Wilhelm Hohenzollern" shouted Herr Elsmann.

Two days later Herr Scheidemann and his two colleagues arrived at Wilhelmshoe. During those three days the emperor behaved abnormally. His anticipation of this meeting with his mere subjects seemed to fill him with abject terror. Once I heard him argue with Prince Max about Herr Scheidemann and his colleagues, intentional arrogance. I heard the emperor shout, "It should not take those rebels more than 24 hours to reach here. They are consulting their party leaders!"

"And no doubt they are," replied Prince Max sternly. Then turning to the emperor he said, "Wilhelm, when you sent for Herr Scheidemann and his colleagues it was not for those three civilians that you sent. You sent for them as recognized leaders of their party. It is therefore proper that they should consult their people." Prince Max's remarks incensed the emperor still more but he made no reply.

### A Never To Be Forgotten Day.

To the end of my life I shall remember the day on which the three socialists arrived at Wilhelmshoe. A telegram reached the palace earlier from Scheidemann, informing the emperor that he and his friends would arrive there at two o'clock in the afternoon. In the meantime the emperor rose later than usual, and did not sit at his breakfast until 10 o'clock. After breakfast, he went for a stroll with Ludendorff in the garden and at about 12 o'clock they returned and sitting on the terrace smoked cigarettes. He was still wearing his dress uniform of the Death's Head Hussars, which he had been wearing since his arrival at the Schloss.

It was getting near lunch time when Prince Max joined the emperor and General Ludendorff at the terrace. After the usual exchange of greetings the emperor signalled to me to bring more cigars. I did so and was furnishing light to Prince Max when he addressed the emperor saying: "Wilhelm, you have very little time to change your attire before you meet Herr Scheidemann and his colleagues. Prince Max himself was garbed in a common civilian business suit. General Ludendorff was in full military uniform, but he was not to take part in the council anyway. The socialist deputies had made that condition: They should not meet the military men. The emperor made no reply, but after a few moments rose and left General Ludendorff and Prince Max on the terrace and went towards the Palace. I followed him.

### Anxiety Walks With the Kaiser.

A long corridor on the second floor of the palace runs from the emperor's smoking and lounging rooms to the apartments of the Duchess of Brunswick, which is connected with the apartments of the kaiser at the extreme end. I followed the emperor to the end of the corridor, keeping about fifteen or twenty feet distant. I thought he was bound to the kaiser's apartment, and that on reaching the threshold he would turn and dismiss me. But on reaching the other end of the corridor he turned about and started back. I stood at attention and still expected to be dismissed. But he did not seem to see me, or did not take notice of me. He walked back to the door of his smoking room. And then again turning retraced his steps. I realized that he was going to walk back and forth through the entire length of the long corridor. And he did. For half an hour he walked back and forth, his gaze fixed on the floor, neither looking to the right or to the left, dead to everything about him. Several times servants appeared at the corridor but withdrew timidly. Three ladies-in-waiting had started from the Duchess of Brunswick's apartment and were about to cross the length of the corridor, but on seeing the emperor in this strange mood, they also retired in haste. I myself took my station at the entrance of the Duchess' writing room and stood at attention as often as the emperor passed and re-passed me.

### Encounter.

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they approached him. He waved them aside. But the Duchess did not take notice of the emperor's dismissal of them. She spoke to her father, saying, "What is the matter, father, have you heard bad news?"

### Ruin Stares Him in the Face.

The emperor suddenly stopped and stared at his daughter absent and then turned to the emperor and shook his head up and down in a most pathetic manner. Then dropping his head downwards his chin almost touched his chest, he burst forth in a very weak tone: "Oh, the horror of it, the very horror of it! My God! My God! can nothing avert this ruin?"

### As he uttered these words he turned and walked down the corridor and entered his writing room.

Half an hour later when he appeared at lunch he was wearing a dark tweed suit. That was the first time that he had appeared, clad in civilian attire since 1914.

The emperor ate very little and drank a good deal of wine, but the wine did not seem to affect him at all. During the lunch he spoke only once to the Kaiserin, and then just a few words.

### The Last Family Meal.

Prince Max and General Ludendorff were also at the table and the two carried on an animated conversation, but von Burg was not present. At the long table below sat the members of the household, to the number of 20. I sat with the latter but carried on no conversation with my neighbors at the table. As I looked at the diners it began to dawn on me that perhaps that would be the last meal that the emperor and empress would have together with his household at this palace. And my subconscious misgivings have already come true. It was also the last time that General Ludendorff sat with the emperor.

After lunch Prince Max retired to the emperor's writing room, while the emperor, accompanied by his daughter and the empress retired to the Duchess of Brunswick's apartments. I was ordered to wait on Prince Max. General Ludendorff joined the Court Chamberlain and the two withdrew to the terrace.

### Prince Max Greets Socialists Deputies Cordially.

At 2 o'clock sharp Herr Scheidemann and his two colleagues, made their appearance at the Palace and immediately sent their cards to Prince Max. Prince Max then ordered me to receive the socialist deputies. I met the party at the entrance of the palace and ushered them into the emperor's writing room where the Prince was awaiting them. The greetings between the socialist deputies and the Prince were extremely cordial. In a few moments Herr Burg made his appearance and the five withdrew to the window overlooking the garden and though standing entered at once into animated conversation. A few moments afterwards Prince Max requested the deputies to be seated.

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### The emperor was displeased by the words of his kinsman. His anger was still unobscured. He glared at the prince and raising his voice shouted:

"I curse you, you, too, have gone over to those damnable traitors." For the first time Prince Max showed evidences of anger but controlled himself admirably. I observed the muscles of his lower jaw stand up in relief. For a few moments a horrible silence reigned in the room that appeared like many hours.

### Then again addressing the emperor the prince said: "Well then, you, majesty, these are my last words to you. You have made me your chancellor to save your throne. I can not promise you that your throne is safe. It is now your life and the lives of your kinsmen that are in jeopardy. If you do not meet Herr Scheidemann and his colleagues now, within a week not only your throne, but even your person will be in danger. Do save what you can out of the ruins."

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tending to be very much interested in a document which he held in his hands. The emperor suddenly turned but was not observed by the Prince, Herr Berg, Herr Scheidemann and Herr Haase. Herr Elsmann saw the emperor but made no attempt to arise. The emperor then fixed an angry glare upon the arrogant deputy. Herr Elsmann returned the glare for a few minutes, the two, the emperor and the subject regarded each other with great contempt, until the emperor grew pale with anger and without a word left the room. I could realize what an insult that meant to the emperor. I could understand his feeling. But he accepted defeat. He withdrew from the field of the silent battle of eyes and faces that was more deadly than shells and bullets. The end had come and the emperor knew it, but I am sorry that he did not yield more gracefully.

Prince Max then went to Herr Elsmann and reproached him, saying, "Herr Elsmann, it is a grave offense not to arise to greet the emperor."

### "We Have Come to Meet One Herr Wilhelm Hohenzollern."

Herr Elsmann jumped violently to his feet and shaking his clenched fist within a few feet of the Prince shouted, "No longer do the German people know emperors; we have come here to meet one Herr Wilhelm Hohenzollern. The prince bowed and said nothing. He then withdrew from the room, leaving the three socialist deputies with Berg. I learned afterwards that the kaiser had gone to his smoking room where his daughter and the kaiserin were awaiting the outcome of the eventful conference. The emperor vowed to them that under no circumstances would he meet the rebellious socialists.

Half an hour passed and they did not return. Then Captain Ellsberg, the emperor's secretary, entered the room and motioned me to join him.

Accompanied by Captain Ellsberg I entered the kaiser's smoking-room and there found him in such anger as I have never seen before. He ordered me to address a telegram to General Ludendorff but the message I could not reach, as I was some distance from him. But Prince Max, the kaiserin and the duchess heard the name. The kaiserin again went to him and began to plead with him to meet the socialist deputies.

### The Emperor in a Fury.

But the emperor was still angry, "I am still the emperor," he shouted, "and so long as I am the emperor I shall not tolerate such insolence. Let the contemptible rebels do their best. I will fight them until I have destroyed treason in my empire. They have come to defy my will, to insult me. From this moment I will speak to them in the language of death!"

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## CUT-OUTS FOR AUTO OWNERS WHO CARE

### Dragging Brakes Are Cause Of Big Loss

Dragging brakes cause American motorists to suffer large pecuniary losses every year. When either emergency or service set has continual contact between lining and drum, it means not only needless consumption of power and fuel, but also excessive wear on the entire driving mechanism of the car, to say nothing of the damage done to the brakes and their linings.

You can easily learn if your brakes are dragging by the following simple process. After placing the gears in neutral, jack up the rear wheels, one at a time, and turn them over by hand. If they give forth a rubbing or scraping sound, or if they turn with unusual difficulty, they are dragging. The remedy lies in adjusting the brake affected so that the wheel turns easily and without friction between band and drum. At the same time see that the brake takes hold firmly when in operation.

### Exterior Of Engine Must Be Kept Clean

Too frequently motorists are satisfied to keep their engines free from carbon, but do not attempt to keep the exterior of their power plants clean. They should take a lesson from the steam engineers who keep their machinery bright and shiny in addition to removing all dirt. A motor car engine is exposed to more severe operating conditions than a steam engine. Dirt, road dust and mud mix with oil, forming a gummy mass. When this mixture of oil and dirt reaches working parts it has the effect of emery. It is detrimental to magnet, distributor and carburetor operation and also impairs the efficiency of the cooling system of the engine eventually.

### Tighten Bolts When Gear Grows Unsteady

When a car will not hold the road even at moderate speed and requires constant juggling of the steering wheel to keep it traveling in a straight line, it is generally due to looseness in the steering gear. To remedy this, the front wheels should be jacked up and tested for loose bearings by taking hold of the upper and lower spokes and shaking. If there is perceptible play, the adjusting cones should be tightened. The steering knuckle, spindle bearings and drag link connections may be tested for play in a similar manner. Then the steering gear itself should be tested by turning the wheel slowly and watching the drop arm. If the wheel moves an appreciable distance before the arm is affected, there is play in the lower end of the gear which must be taken up by adjustments provided. There should be just a trifle of play in the steering wheel to prevent stiffness.

### Avoiding a Skid

When experienced motorists feel the rear wheels of their cars skidding sideways, they don't apply the brakes or words. He answered at once, saying: "It is the solemn advice of the socialist party that the kaiser should abdicate. For the present, as a stop forward or as a tactical necessity, perhaps it can be arranged to have a Regency appointed which sometimes later may relinquish authority to a successor to the throne."

It appeared then that the socialists had not yet themselves agreed as to the means of abdication. For Herr Elsmann interrupted Herr Scheidemann.

"That compromise will never be accepted by the majority of the socialists. The monarchy must end at once, if it must end now."

The emperor brought his clenched fist down on the table and looking straight at Elsmann exclaimed, "The monarchy will end only when the means of maintaining it ends. My armies are still in existence."

Herr Elsmann was not to be cowed. He, too, brought his huge clenched fist down on the table and glaring at the emperor said: "Let Herr Wilhelm Hohenzollern attempt it. Your armies will not save you even one day!"

Again the emperor acknowledged defeat in the verbal battle. He made no reply, and during the rest of the council he spoke not more than a dozen words.

## STRENGTHENS KIDNEYS—PURIFIES BLOOD

You can't expect weak kidneys to filter the acids and poisons out of your system unless they are given a little help. Don't allow them to become diseased when a little attention now will prevent it. Don't try to cheat nature. As soon as you commence to have backaches, feel nervous and tired, GET BUSY. These are usually warnings that your kidneys are not working properly. Do not delay a minute. Go after the cause of your ailments or you may find yourself in the grip of an incurable disease. GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil capsules will give almost immediate relief from kidney troubles. GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules will do the work. They are the pure original Haarlem Oil Capsules imported direct from the laboratories in Haarlem, Holland. Ask your druggist for GOLD MEDAL and accept no substitutes. Look for the name GOLD MEDAL on every box. Three sizes, sealed packages. Money refunded if they do not quickly help you.

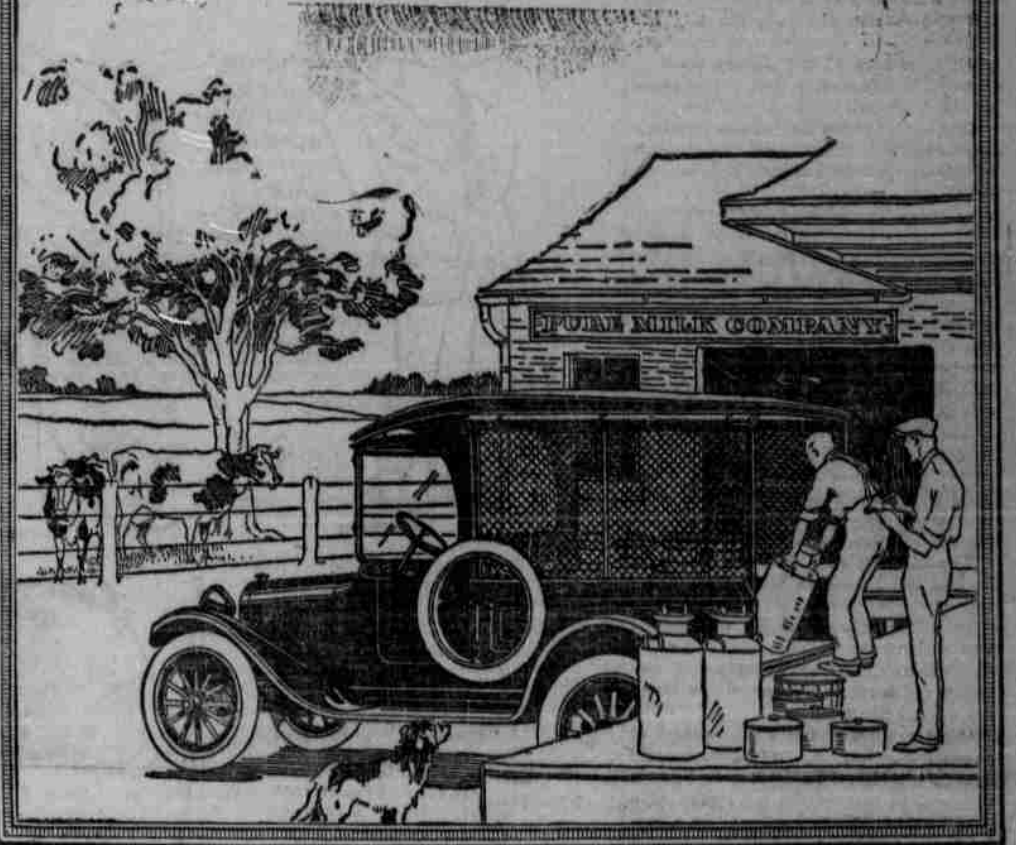
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### Precautions To Take When Car Speaks

Even the most expensive car developments squeaks and minor rattles in every-day service. Spring squeaks are probably the most common of these annoying noises. To correct this, remove each of the springs and scrape off any grit or rust which may appear, polishing the surface to a smooth finish. Give the leaves a generous coating of graphite before reassembling and be sure that the spring clips, while not loose enough to permit play, are not too tight. Of course the main clips securing the spring to the axle pad must be drawn up tightly.

When other parts of the car are noisy a tightening of all bolts and nuts will generally silence them. Body bolts and adjacent surfaces of body and fenders are often responsible for a great deal of noise. While inspecting the car, it is wise to examine the steering-gear joints for wear.

Overinflation Hurts Tires Overinflation not only subjects the canvas of the casing to an unnecessary strain, but also robs the tire of its resiliency. Thus an overinflated tire, instead of absorbing the shock, transmits the full force of the jolt to the mechanism of the car.

Inspect oil, gasoline and water tanks before making a trip and see that the necessary tools and extra tires are in the car.

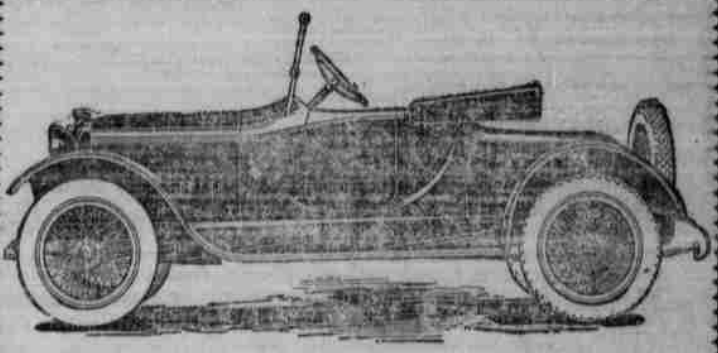
After you have ruined a few spark plugs by removing them with a monkey wrench that just fits around the plug and protects the core from accident. It costs only a few cents and will pay for itself after it has been used a few times.

Always place gear level in neutral when the car is stopped and make sure that it is there before starting the motor.

### BILLS KILLED BY SENATE FRIDAY

Bills were killed by the senate on Friday as follows: S. B. 263, by Norblad—Appropriating \$10,000 for investigating Columbia river at Cascade Locks. S. B. 249, by Handley—Prohibiting surety companies from issuing bonds to other corporations in which their own members are interested. S. B. 193, by Gill—Appropriating \$20,

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### Miss Anne Morgan Who Has New Plan To House Girls



The girls community club have just leased three big houses to care for the welfare of the working girls who have no homes in New York. The plan was started by Miss Anne Morgan, sister of America's leading financier, who will oversee the work of construction and entertainment. Photo shows a recent pose of Miss Morgan.