

La MARQUISE de FONTENOY

The German Foreign Office, the Kaiser and the Fortifying of the Panama Canal—Noted Convert to Home Rule

Berlin's foreign office has acquired, since the departure of the great Prince Bismarck, a reputation for tactlessness. Bismarck himself had no words sufficiently strong to denounce German bureaucracy, as the base of the empire. As revealed to us by Boswell, Busch, and by other biographers who recorded his remarks, the prince had an extremely uncomplimentary opinion of German diplomats, as lacking all sense of proportion and humor. In the pages of Busch he enumerates an ambassador after the other, together with his failings.

It may well be asked, in what capital of the world any government department would have placed the executive in such an awkward position as the one in which the German foreign office landed the Kaiser last week, in connection with Colonel Goethals, creator of the Panama Canal. Colonel Goethals, during his brief stay in Germany for the purpose of visiting the Kiel canal, to see if there were any contrivances that could be adopted with advantage on the Isthmus was entertained by the Kaiser in Berlin at luncheon, and the two spent some time in discussing Isthmian affairs. The emperor is, especially when talking tete-a-tete to a plain, solidly man, such as Colonel Goethals, perfectly natural, and intensely interested, and interesting. The two would naturally discuss the question of fortifying the canal. Colonel Goethals, who is a straightforward soldier, when interviewed on his return to America about his conversation with the emperor, briefly replied that the Kaiser had been much interested in the question of fortification, and had expressed his personal views as to the extent to which the distance was necessary, his idea being that plenty of care should be taken to avoid there being attacked in the rear, and from the land side.

The emperor at the time was en route for Corfu, and without waiting to communicate with him, the Berlin foreign office promptly issued, in response to the alleged utterance by Colonel Goethals, an absolute denial that the Kaiser had said anything whatsoever to Colonel Goethals about the fortification of the canal. Colonel Goethals, on being contacted with this denial merely reiterated that he was not in the habit of lying, that he had nothing to retract and that what he had said was perfectly true.

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When a young girl reads something like the above statement in a talk like mine, or hears it from an older woman, she almost always turns up her nose mentally, and thinks to herself: "Oh, that sounds all right, but it doesn't work out in real life." And if she is plain, she goes on envying the girl with the regular features and fine complexion; or if she is pretty, in the ordinary sense of the word, she takes a satisfied look at herself in the mirror. You see, I know, because I've been there myself.

But, girls, we are all wrong—you and I. That isn't just newspaper morality talk. It's true. Nothing on earth makes a face more quickly than an unexpressed emotion. Nothing makes us turn away offended more than a case of features made disagreeable, not by the modeling of nature, but by the thoughts and character of the possessor.

A face that is illumined by cheerfulness, or transfused by intelligence and interest in life, or lit up by the wonderful steady light of an inward peace and serenity, cannot be plain.

Now may you still think this is just newspaper morality talk, but if you will only study the faces about you I am sure that some day you will come to realize it is much more than that.

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Daily Hints For the Cook

NORWEGIAN SANDWICHES Cut rye bread in thin slices and then shape in finger-wide strips with bias. Spread one slice with fillets of anchovies, putting between the fish a light sprinkle of hard boiled egg, with white and yolk chopped separately. Add paprika and a squeeze of lemon juice and put on the tops.

BOILED CHICKEN SANDWICHES Boiled chicken goes a deal further than roast when used for sandwiches and it has the advantage of being more tender. Boil the chickens in only enough water to cover them, adding an onion and a tablespoonful of Worcestershire sauce for each one. Let them simmer until the meat is very tender, then strip off the skin and shred the chicken up with the fingers. Put the filling on a paste cut between thin white bread, adding salt and cayenne before closing.

BATTERBERG CAKE Color one portion of genoise cake with chocolate and leave the other portion plain. Spread each color on a separate baking sheet about three quarters of an inch thick and bake in a hot oven.

When cold cut in nine bars about one inch wide and one deep. Place them together with colors alternating and fix with apricot jam. Roll out a sheet of almond paste to a quarter of an inch in thickness, and place the cake upon this, first covering it with jam to make it stick. Cover the cake with the paste, making the sides flat. Decorate with cherries and angelica.

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WOMEN VOTERS WERE BEATEN, TWO TO ONE

Chicago, April 12—Twenty-five hundred women who have toiled relentlessly for three weeks in the hope of gaining a favorable impression from the voters of Chicago for equal suffrage, journeyed to their homes after careful vigil of the polls at the primary election, tired and with a diminished opinion of man's judgment.

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRE

The reel and picture machine in use in the Bijou Theatre in St. Stephen was destroyed by fire last night. The people in the theatre got out in safety.

MORNING LOCALS

A large party of settlers for this province is being brought out by A. Bowler, immigration agent for New Brunswick in London. Some of them will accompany him on the S. S. Empress of Britain, due here on Saturday, and others will follow on the S. S. Montrose and the S. S. Lake Manitoba.

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