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Just Who and What the Heads of the Finland which was for centuries a Neutral European Powers are.

man's chorus." and write a ditty from the same quarter.

circumstances into the war game. The Kings of Norway, and Rouman-Denmark, Sweden and Greece have are Hohenzellerns, whilst their sub-stantine may cost him his throne, if lects are decidely pro-Ally. The not worse. There are loud mutter-Court of Holland is pro-German; but ings of the coming of a political the Dutch people have a great dis-storm, and a Republic in Greece is like to Germany. The Court of Swed-not beyond a possibility. ago that the return of Huerta to ed on the side of the Allies. He is America was arranged at Barcelona, not, however, a militarist.

for Constantine has been in the public tion against England. Apart from the Rulers of the belli- eye than any of the others; and he The King of Norway seems to have

These Rulers are all allied by ties abandoned the Luthern religion for the political, racial, or personal to the Greek Church. So great was Wilbelligerent rulers, and it may happen helm's resentment that we are told at any day that some of them, at least, he encouraged German officers to enmay be forced by the exigencies of list in the Turkish army in order to crush the Greeks at Domoko and Larissa in 1897. Not till the beginning la have English wives; the Kings of of the present war did the "Grand Hypocrite of the Universe" seek a German wives; whilst the Queen of reconciliation with his sister, and Holland is married to a German then there came overtures for a re prince. The King of Greece is the union, because Wilhelm thought he in-law of the Kaiser; while could thus use Constantine as his the King of Norway is brother-in-law tool in thwarting the Allies in Greece! of King George. Both the King of Conditions in Greece at the moment Roumania and the Queen of Greece are serious, and the duplicity of Con-

en is also pro-German; and the peo- Ferdinand of Roumania is not ple are mainly so especially the high- badly mixed up with doplomatic mater classes and the merchants who ters; for it has been made plain to lave been reaping golden harvests him, as it was made plain to his since the war began through ship- father, King Charles, that any attempt ments of imported products to Ger- at overriding the popular demands many. The only ruler that is actual- and aspirations would cost him his y removed from the fringe of the throne. His wife, Queen Mary, is war is the King of Spain. That English, the daughter of the late Duke there are certain factions of pro-Ger- of Edinburgh, and is first cousin to man tendencies in Spain has been our own Gracious King. She has, it demonstrated on two or three occas- seems, managed to give an English ions since the outbreak of the war; flavor to court affairs. Ferdinand has and it is a matter of history that an eye for the main chance, and the many of the big plots that have come material interests of his Kingdom to light were hatched in Barcelona, are the prime consideration. He is It is claimed that the whole Mexican anxious to get back Transylvania and embroglio was concocted there. An Bukowina, and though a Hohenzel-American newspaper stated some time lern, we may see him any day array-

Huerta, it will be remembered, was Gustave, King of Sweden, is of a arrested by the American authorities very different type. He has a parat El Paso as he was trying to get lous part to play. In him runs the across the border. It was stated blood of Bernadotte, the notary-solfurther that he had the assurance of dier to whom Napoleon granted a King financial and military support from dom as a reward for his services. It

to be reminded of his French ancestry, for he is a bosom friend of the Baden, has openly avowed her ardent Cooking & Heating sympathy for Germany. He has strong antipathy to Russia owing to the latter's attitude with regard to

Swedish province. Sweden has long been a thorn in the side of the Allies, as her ports have been used constant-Specially Written for the German agents, and that some hun-ly as shipping-points for munitions dreds of Reservists were ready to and supplies to German; such British Were W. S. Gilbert's "Pirates of cross into Mexico when the beacon trade has been hampered by the plac-Penzance" to be revised, we would fires of insurrection should be kindled, ing of many obstacles in its way with uggest a substitute for the "Police- Doubtless Villa has received support regard to dealings with Russia. Britain has retaliated in such an emphatwhich would fit into a war mould and The outstanding figure among the ic manner that Gustave is said to have set the refrain as a "Ruler's Life is neutral kings is the King of Greece, appealed to the United States for ac-

gerent nations, there are in Europe has given evidence that famed duplic- many difficulties chiefly of a personal o-day six crowned heads whose lot ity of the Greeks has not yet passed nature, and he does not seem to have s by no means "a happy one." There away. He has trampled on the Con-meddled in war affairs as does Gusare at the very edge of the mael- stitution, and he has thwarted the in- tave of Sweden. His wife is the third strom and of all kinds are pulling clinations of his country, influenced daughter of His Majesty Edward VII them into the vortex. These crowned without doubt by his consort, Queen and sister to King George; so the Heads are the sovereigns of Norway, Sophia, sister of great hypocrite, Kais- ties that bind Norway to England are Sweden. Holland, Denmark, Greece er Wilhelm. For many years Queen strong. It is said that King Haakon and Roumania, who are trying to safe- Sophia and the Kaiser were estranged, and his Consort are not popular with guard their countries by a forced pol-because upon marrying Constantine, the Norwegians, as the King is a then Crown Prince, in 1889, she had stranger, being a former Prince of

aunched a Republic when the country was separated from Sweden, but its existence as an independent nation

these sovereigns is that of Wilhelmina, German prince-Henry of Mecklenby the war. Some time ago, the army was mobilized fearing an invasion; and Germany is a constant source of menace. The commercial interests of Holland have reaped rich harvests from the war, as much of the stuff which finds its way to Germany pass-

es through Rotterdam. There is much dissatisfaction among the populace regarding the arrogance of Germany; but the Queen has striven to keep matters from developing into a cause of quarrel. Wilhelmina was not long since the best beloved sovereign n Europe; but since the beginning of the war her popularity has waned.

The King of Spain is farthest removed from the conflict. His consort, Victoria of Battenburg, is an Englishand of course, intensely English in sympathies. Though King Alfonso is by descent a Hapsburg-his mother being an Austrian princes, he cares little for family ties, and is without any shadow of doubt in sympathy with the cause of Britain. It is not unlikely that when peace comes, he will be the chief arbiter in adjusting the terms. He is, possibly, the only Euopean monarch at the moment who has no fears for his throne. The high. others are realizing to the fullest exent the wall of a former potentate who declared "Uneasy lies the head

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While it is possible that the United States, with its war news from all fronts and with the perspective which distance creates, may have better horizon for measuring the probable termination of the war, the opinion of Englishmen and French men who are in the thick of the turmoil is entitled to very considerable

It is a known fact that the food

pressure in Germany to-day is very

intense. The 1915 crops were poor for a variety of reasons, including unskilled · labor, lack of nitrates stable manure and phosphates. Bu the harvesting of the new crop i now at hand. It will not be up to pre-war crops, but it will almost of 1915 and its harvesting will for the time being relieve the economic pressure which is leading Germany to adopt such wholesale socialism as state feeding of vast populations. Based largely on this argument, some very good judges are now of the opinion that the war will go through another winter and will find its termination in the spring of 1917. It is believed that on the eastern front the Germans and Austrians will at some point turn on their Russian attackers and stem the tide of ad-

surprised themselves. It is believed by those in a position to know that Germany will make attempts to sound out peace at the first opportune date; it is also believed in England that resumption of submarine warfare cannot be long

vance. Even in England itself the

success of the Russian has been pos-

itively unexpected, and if the truth

were known, the Russians must have

But it is not stretching the truth in any degree to assert that on no possible peace terms which Germany could offer or to which she would submit would the allies make peace to-day. They are bent on de monstrating to Germany that her armies are not invincible and tha she is not being defeated solely by economic pressure, but by the prowess of armies in the field. When this defeat is accomplished there will be talk of peace in earnest. Till then peace expresses the hope of Germany and Austria only. And there are very good grounds for believing that the allies doubt their ability to ac minister this decisive military feat until the war has dragged course through another winter.

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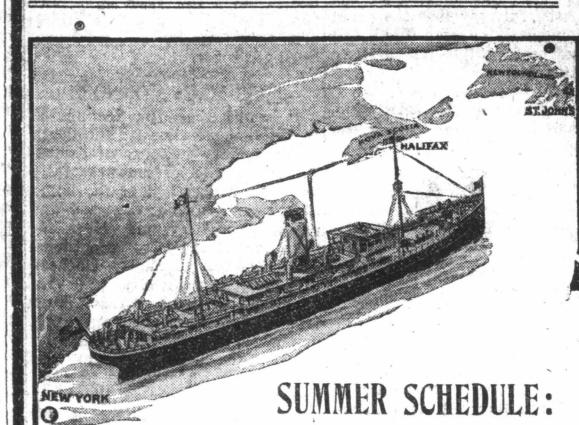
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