

KAISER WILHELM AN IMPERIAL MADMAN

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At last most of us have begun to realize what had for many years been plain to some that the German Kaiser is stark, staring mad.

From time to time we have had hints of this. We have read stories of the Kaiser's startling pranks, of his frenzied outbursts and amazing follies. But few believed half the fact was said and printed. By some two stories were set down to prejudice.

We had quite forgotten scores of unmentioned facts which might and should have made us guess the truth. We had forgotten, among other things, that in his lusty youth Prince Wilhelm (now the Kaiser), with a party of choice Prussian friends, had founded a poor devil of a fellow officer to suicide, after badgering and humiliating him in one of the royal Prussian palaces. We had forgotten the gross inhumanity with which, on his accession to the imperial throne, the new Kaiser had treated his mother, and the revelations which connected him, at one moment, though perhaps unjustly, with the strange doings of those vile "Knights of the Round Table," the Zu Eulenspiegel and the Von Moltkes.

Nor had we remembered, among other facts of interest, that from his childhood on the Kaiser had been afflicted with a malignant ear trouble; that his father, the high-minded Friedrich, died a victim of some cancerous disease, complicated by an even more terrible malady, and that his grandfather, old Wilhelm had inherited the same taint from his proud ancestors.

There has been more than want of balance in the actions, words and

ways of the reigning Kaiser, more than megalomania and the inflated lust of power. A man who claimed his right divine to rule his fellow man in this twentieth century hardly has been sane or really normal. Those blasphemous prattles about God-and-Me, the suppressed interview with Dr. Hale, and that latest of the imperial proclamations vouching for God's peculiar love and gracious favor for the German Kaiser, would of themselves have more than warranted his removal to the discreet seclusion of a lunatic asylum.

But by the Germans and by hosts of good Americans until quite recently such things had been accepted as mere outbursts of an unbridled will if they had not indeed been admired as proofs of genius. It is only now, after years of blood and dread, that the whole world is slowly beginning to perceive what those who have seen the Kaiser's closest range have always suspected—and indeed have known.

There is nothing in the least strained or improbable in the theory—and I might add, the assumption—that the most monstrous of all crimes in history was due to the initiative of an untrammelled criminal madman. Dr. Hale, beyond question, grasped the significance of the Kaiser's conduct when he had that interview with him. King Edward may or may not have kept his counsel out of deference to his family. But he undoubtedly knew what was wrong with Wilhelm. The poor Kaiser has always known the truth. Prince Bismarck knew it.

Wilhelm's tutor at least once expressed his conviction that his pupil was insane to an American friend of his. And Sir Morel Mackenzie with whom (when a very youthful special correspondent of the New York Herald) I once rode alone from San Remo to Paris and discussed many vital matters concerning Prince Wilhelm and his then almost dying father, believed in the insanity of the future Kaiser, though he refused, as was but natural, to attach his name to a public utterance on the subject.

It has been my fortune, or misfortune, to be mixed up here and there with the present Kaiser. I was on the platform of the station at San Remo long ago when he arrived from Germany, bursting with his own importance, to dictate to his father his imperial will and pleasure as to whether the then Kronprinz should or should not submit to an operation.

The impression he then made on me and on the Italians who had met to welcome him was painful. It was still more painful to his capable mother, who snubbed him ruthlessly and closed her door against him. Once, after I had called some unpleasant facts to the Kaiser's attention, he received a nasty message from the Kaiser, requesting me to leave him out of my despatches. Still later, after Berlin Foreign Ministry had threatened me with expulsion for publishing sensational news, he sent me a message to the effect that he was not only quite "incalculable" (they used to speak of him in old days as "der unberechenbare Kaiser") but also potentially dangerous.

The glamo- of the mailed fist and shining sword which the imperial lunatic has so often shaken in men's faces has blinded his subjects for this many a long year to the brutality of his policy, the absurdity of his arrogance and the vulgarity of his posturing. His Germans have followed him like "moutons de Panurge" and (though not always without protest) his rank, tyranny and at times worshipped him. They are responsible with him for all the crimes which President Wilson has attributed to the militarists and the Hohenzollerns. The day will come, and it may come ere long, when the scales will fall from their subservient, bloodshot eyes, and they will shudder, as the world at large has shuddered, at the consequences of their insanity.

For those consequences the mad Kaiser and the degenerate Kronprinz will be damned by history and I hope, punished, in this world or in the next—if not in both. But I protest, with all the vigor of John Burroughs, against acquitting the Germans as a people, of the crimes which have been committed, with their approval, by a ferocious madman and his abominable offspring. "Are we Bolsheviks that we should forget the wholesale massacre of harmless children, the dishonoring of dear mothers and pure maidens, the crucifixion of brave soldiers in the field, and, above all, the black, sordid, hideous treachery which Germany has put into the whole wide world?"

Or are we free men and free women, bound together by our love of justice, our hate of wrong, and our resolve to do our best, as best we may, to end the shame, the grief the horror of these days?

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HANSELMAN'S SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED

Was Shown Leniency After His Two Months' Incarceration

Hamilton, Jan. 29.—Dr. H. L. Hanselman, of Brantford, who was found guilty some days ago by a jury on a charge of fraud on the war department in connection with the plugging of shells at the factory of Gould, Shapley and Muir, was allowed to go on suspended sentence by Chief Justice Falconbridge yesterday afternoon. His lordship said that in view of the evidence of the foreman that Hanselman had been instructed to plug shells in 1916, the recommendation of the jury for mercy, he felt that the two months that the defendant had been incarcerated met the needs of the case. He delivered a strong warning to munition workers everywhere that hereafter they cannot plead ignorance of orders of superiors for this dangerous practice. In view of what is now known they will be liable to be tried for treason, punishment being death.

THE BRANT.
"The Judgment House," dramatized by J. Stuart Blackton from the novel of Sir Gilbert Parker, heads a powerful program at the Brant for the first of the week. It is the first of a series of the works of the eminent Canadian novelist which are being placed upon the screen by Blackton as his first productions under the Paramount program. "The Judgment House" is a gripping story with an appeal to every one. Many of its scenes are laid in the diamond fields of South Africa, and the whole out the photography is of a very high order. An exceptionally capable cast is headed by Violet Heming and Conway Tearle. The Montana Five have an offering of genuine merit, a western novelty singing number. The eleventh episode of Paramount's serial supreme "Who is Number One" is complete with the thrills and mysteries which won the picture its reputation.

THEATRE CLOSING TO COME UP TODAY

War Council Will Consider Question of Curtailing Amusements

MANAGERS' PROTEST

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The war council at its meeting to-morrow, will take up the question of closing the theatres of Canada three days each week. The theatre owners are understood to have been apprised of the intended action, in order that they may make whatever representations they deem advisable.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—A delegation of theatre and moving picture men, who wired to Ottawa to-day, retained counsel and sought an appointment with the Government to protest against a supposedly impending order closing theatres three days of the week, cancelled their plan when advised that the rumor was quite unjustified.

The original report was that the motive of the alleged prohibitory order was the conservation of fuel, but it is also claimed that it was one of the fruitful suggestions made by certain agriculturists who represented the war council.

The Government is quite unlikely to coincide with any view that the movies detract from the fields. Rather in communities adjacent to theatres such entertainments would be regarded as providing a pleasant diversion.

The general subject of fuel conservation is under consideration. If the conditions become very acute drastic action may be necessary, but there is nothing yet to indicate the singling out of theatres, nor has there been a decision that any action would be taken.

When fuel Controller Magrath comes home from Washington, where he is in consultation with the American authorities, the situation and any measures it calls for would be considered.

Numerous Protest.
Ottawa, Jan. 28.—A rumor that all theatres and moving picture houses throughout the Dominion were to be closed for three days to conserve coal has brought a flood of telegrams to Ottawa. Numerous protests have been received. A couple of delega-

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THE REX.

Miriam Cooper is seen at the Rex this week, her first appearance in this city save in the two Griffith spectacles "The Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance". Miss Cooper who is one of the coming geniuses of the screen appears in the Fox production "The Silent Lie", wherein she is supported by Ralph Lewis, Monroe Salisbury and Charles Clary in an absorbing tale of the great Northwest, and of the legacy of hatred which a girl received from her mother. The story is of the virile, red-blooded type, with splendid scenic settings depicting the great out of doors. The Three Anderson Sisters appear in novelty singing and dancing, an offering which is far above others of its class. A key-stone comedy is the end of a perfect show.

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