

Says Kaiser Meant War Years Ago.

London, Feb. 18.—A remarkable speech said to have been made by the Kaiser at a secret council meeting in Potsdam in June, 1908, at which the German Emperor announced his decision to go to war, forms a chapter of William Le Queux's new book, "German Spies in England," published today.

The author says he has obtained the report of the proceedings from a German of high position holding pro-British views, who was present at the meeting.

The Kaiser began by declaring that "After long hours of fervent prayer light has at last come to me. The outlook is, I admit, dark, but we need not despair, for God, our great ally, has given into our hands the means of saving our empire from the dangers which are threatening its happiness and welfare."

"You know what I mean. It is that wonderful invention which his excellency Count Zeppelin was enabled, through the grace of the Lord, to make for the safeguarding and glory of our beloved Fatherland."

"In this invention God has placed the means at my disposal to lead Germany triumphantly out of her present difficulties and to make once and for all good the words of our poet, 'Deutschland, Deutschland über Alles.'"

"Yes, gentlemen, Germany over everything in the world! The first power on earth, both in peace and war! That is, the place which I have been ordered by God to conquer for her, and which I will conquer for her with the help of the Almighty!"

The Emperor, according to this secret report, then went on to unfold a scheme by which this end was to be accomplished. When sufficiently large Zeppelins were built, England's North Sea, Channel and Atlantic fleets would be destroyed, "after which nothing on earth can prevent the landing of our army on British soil and its triumphant march to London." Fast steamers belonging to the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines would be relied on for the transport of the invading army.

The war would be against Great Britain and France, said the Kaiser. Russia was suffering too much from the effects of her war with Japan to enter the conflict.

The Emperor went on to speak of the United States as a country "where even now I rule supreme, where almost half the population is either of German birth or German descent, and where 3,000,000 German voters do my bidding at the Presidential elections." That country would next be taught a lesson. German power would be supreme in South America and South Africa, and, among other things, the German flag would "wave over the holy shrines of Jerusalem." The programme ends with the declaration:

"That accomplished, I shall unite all the people of the white race in a powerful alliance for the purpose of coping under German guidance with the yellow peril, which is becoming more formidable with every year."

Mr. Le Queux says he handed this report to the British Government for its consideration, that it was placed before certain members of the Cabinet, and that it is still in the archives of the confidential department.

Planting a Tree.



WALT MASON

To be in line with worthy folk, you soon must plant an elm or oak, a beech or maple fair to see, a single or a double tree. When winter's storms no longer roll, go get a spade and dig a hole, and bring a sapling from the woods, and show your neighbors you're the goods. What though with years you're bowed and bent, and feel your life is nearly spent? The tree you plant will rear its limbs, and there the birds will sing their hymns, and in its cool and grateful shade the girls will sip their lemonade; and lovers there on moonlight nights will get Dan Cupid dead to rights; and fervid oaths and tender vows will go a-zipping through its boughs. And folks will say, with gentle sigh, "Long years ago an ancient guy, whose whiskers brushed against his knee, inserted in the ground this tree. 'Twas but a little sapling then; and he, the kindest of old men, was well aware that he'd be dead, long ere its branches grew and spread, but still he stuck it in the mould, and never did his feet grow cold. Oh, he was wise and kind and brave—let's place a nosegay on his grave!" We don't forget such men as he! Go, then and plant a beerbohm tree.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Specially Selected Items TO INTEREST FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY SHOPPERS.

We have justly merited and ably sustained that very expressive sobriquet of "THE ALWAYS BUSY STORE." All through the winter we have had eager crowds eager to buy, and now that our first Spring shipments are coming along, shoppers can be assured of our earnestness to feature the best snaps. REMEMBER WE PAY CASH FOR OUR PURCHASES and can afford TO SELL FOR LESS.



Laced & Buttoned Boots FOR MEN.
These come in Dongola and Gun Metal. The latter is a nice serviceable Boot for present wear. You need not bother about rubbers. A pair of our Gun Metal Boots will give you all the foot comfort you want. The finer grade is intended for later on, when the streets are cleaner. Values here up to \$3.00 per pair. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$2.33

Smart Footwear for Ladies.
Laced and Buttoned styles in good Dongola leather, patent leather toe cap, Cuban heel; half sizes to pick from. Reg. \$2.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday 2.33

2 Leaders in HOSIERY.
FLEECE LINED HOSE FOR LADIES, 18c.
These are splendid for present wear, extra long with heavy ribbed tops, fleeced lined throughout. Special value. Reg. 22c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 18c

MEN'S HALF HOSE.
In black worsted, heavy ribbed, others in pretty heather mixtures. Our regular lines up to 40c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 33c

TOILET COVERS.
6-4 size, Honeycomb quality, fringed edge; heavier than usual. Reg. 30c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 26c

CENTRE CLOTHS.
Made of fine White Muslin, size 26 x 26; pretty scalloped edge, also frilled; fancy colored braided designs on cloth. Reg. 20c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 14c

2 OIL CLOTH SPECIALS FOR Friday, Saturday & Monday.

STAIR OIL CLOTH.
32 pieces, nicely assorted patterns, some with plain centres and pretty border, others in small checks, etc.; 15 inches wide, soft finish. Special Friday, Saturday & Monday, yard 8 1-2 cents.

TABLE OIL CLOTH.
42 inches wide, certainly the best value in Oil Cloths that we have ever handled. You can get Plain White, Marbled, Tiles, Checks and a very handsome line of floral designs; extra soft finish. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday, per yard 26 cents.

MEN'S WEAR, Specials.
Shirts, Collars, Ties, Etc., at greatly reduced prices.
SOMETHING SPECIAL.
Men's Tunic Shirts. Reg. 79c up to \$1.25 for
A great variety of makes, plain white and fancy stripes, others with fancy striped silk fronts and cuffs; others again with double French cuffs. Values to \$1.25. Friday, Saturday and Monday 79c

LINEN COLLARS.
The popular "Baden Powell" shape in assorted heights, good quality English linen, perfect fitting front; always comfortable & stylish. Special Friday, Saturday & Monday 15c

Men's Neckwear, Reg. 60c. for 49c.
The popular wide end style in all the most desirable shades; plain and fancy mixtures. Reg. up to 60c. Friday, Saturday & Monday 49c.

MEN'S CAPS, 69c.
Light and Dark Tweed effects in smart London shapes. If you want a stylish Cap you'll find it here. Reg. up to 85c. Friday, Saturday & Monday 69c.

FELT HATS.
Fashionable shapes from our London hatters in good Black Felt, easy fitting. Get your Spring Hat at a reduced price. These are our regular \$200 Hats. Friday, Saturday and Monday 1.68

FOR MEN
Our Reg. \$5.00 for \$4.00.
A good time to decide on your summer Boot would be now. If you have not seen this make, do so without delay. The shape is there, the weight you like, either Dongola, Gun Metal or Velour; honestly constructed in every way; half sizes to decide from. Regular \$5.00 per pair. Friday, Saturday and Monday, Special 4.00

2 QUILT SPECIALS!

AMERICAN HONEYCOMB QUILTS.
28 only; these are beauties; size 2 x 2 1/2 yards; extra weight, new patterns; wash splendidly. Extra value at \$1.80. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.59

COLOURED QUILTS.
In Pink and Blue mostly, heavy honeycomb finish, fringed edge; size 2 x 2 1/2 yards; will wash satisfactorily. Reg. \$1.60. Friday, Saturday & Monday \$1.42

TABLE NAPKINS.
Are you renewing your Table Napkins? If not, think it over. We offer you 3 nice Damask Napkins, size 19 x 19, for 25c. We have about 8 dozen only. Remember the offer Friday, Saturday and Monday 3 for 25c.

Madras Muslins.
15c. per yard.
These are all new, very dainty patterns, 35 inches wide; suitable for either Curtains or Drapes; wash splendidly. Friday, Saturday & Monday, per yard, 15c

Table Clths.
18 only of half bleached Damask Table Cloths, size 51 x 56. Would make a fine serviceable kitchen table cloth and a save on your better cloths. Reg. 65c. Friday, Saturday & Monday, 55c.

JOB TOWELS.
Pure White Turkish Towels, plain ends. Early shoppers will get the largest ones, certainly. Buy these now; one glance will show that the value is there. Special Friday, Saturday & Monday, each, 11c.

Casement Curtains.
These are rather pretty, Madras finish, plain centre and broad openwork band all round; deep hem at each end; will stand lots of washing. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday, each, 29c.

AMERICAN GINGHAMS, 11c.
Your choice of 20 patterns in smart American Gingham, fine checks and stripes, good washing materials. These come in lengths varying from 12 to 20 yards. We will cut any length you may require. Buy your summer Gingham now. Friday, Saturday & Monday 11c

Costumes, \$3.95
Our Big Special in Costumes still attracts. No wonder when you look at the extremely Low Prices.
Don't imagine for one moment that the quality is consistent with this low price. No! You get good honest values up to \$8.00 here \$3.95 for \$3.95
Serges, Tweeds and Cloths, all the most fashionable weaves and popular shades. Get your Spring Costume now for \$3.95.

St. Patrick's Day Post Cards.
Very pretty assortment of new styles, nicely embossed and many finished in Gilt. Friday, Saturday and Monday, 4 for 5 cts.

LADIES' KID GLOVES.
8 Button Length, White, 78c.
Another line of "Fownes" selected Kid. Your choice of either White Kid or Cham-ouis, self stitched backs. Special Friday, Saturday & Monday 78c

LADIES' KID GLOVES.
"Fownes" best quality Kid, in assorted Tan shades, unlined; 2 dome fasteners. Regular \$1.20. Friday, Saturday and Monday 1 05

Ribbons!
Extra Value, per yard, 10c.
Pretty Silk Taffeta Ribbons, 3 1/2 inches wide, in shades of Light and Dark Saxe Blue, Corise, Brown, Champagne, Nile, Moss Green, Myrtle, Hello, Purple, Cream and White. Reg. values up to 14c. per yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday, 10 cts.

Amazing Values in the Showroom.

Special!
CHILDREN'S DRESSES, 49c.
In good quality American Gingham, plain colors of Tan and Blue with colored pipings around neck and down front; others in Blue, Tan, Pink and Red checks; low neck style, 3/4 sleeves, to fit girls from 6 to 14 years. Reg. up to 60c. Friday, Saturday and Monday 49c

A Hand Bag Special.
New styles from New York, showing pretty silver and all brass mountings on good quality leather. New shapes, new styles, with pocket and strap; Kid lined. Values to \$1.80. Friday, Saturday and Monday 1.39

Children's Knickers.
Made of fine White Lawn, trimmed with fine hemstitched embroidery edging, wide legs. These are to fit girls from 2 to 10 years. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday 15c

Misses' "Middy" Blouses.
These will be popular again this year. We show them in White Pique and Jean, with Navy, Pale Blue and Red Sailor Collars, and Cuffs to match; buttoned and laced fronts, some with low down belt, Balkan style; sizes for Misses from 12 years up. Reg. up to \$1.10. Friday, Saturday and Monday 89c.

Business Aprons.
These are special value, made of superior quality Sateen and fine Italian cloth, full sizes; two large pockets in each, shaped band with strings. Reg. 70c. Friday, Saturday & Monday 52c

"D. & A." Corsets, \$1.28.
These are too well known to need introduction here; made of finest quality Coutil, rustproof, high and medium bust, 4 and 5 suspenders attached, some with elastic strap in front; different styles to choose from. Reg. \$1.40. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$1.28

Children's & Misses Smart American Dresses, Reg. up to \$2.00 for 89c.
You can't imagine anything prettier than the make-ups here, and such a variety of styles and pretty materials; plain linens in all the most favored shades, stripes and plaids, etc. All these are handsomely trimmed, low neck style and represent values up to \$1.80. Friday, Saturday and Monday 89c



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