Sketch of Life of Monster-Monarch Whose Career Out-Herods Herod

MAN WHO PLUNGED WORLD INTO CARNAGE, DEVASTATED MANY LANDS, MADE MILITARISM HIS GOD AND PLOTTED AGAINST HUMANITY

From Childhood Kaiser William Played With Dangerous Toys, Thrust Aside Wise Counsel and Carried on Intrigues to Bring Prussian Yoke Upon Civilized World -A Murderer and an Arch Hypocrite.

William II., Emperor of Germany, tional and avowed ally." It is not enwho has abdicated as emperor of Ger- tirely clear whether such outgivings many, was born January 27, 1859.

the world into war. Upon him and the the idea of reverent and unquestioning tremendous military engine of destruc- submission. His speeches to his armies tion of which he was the embodiment, in which he asserted he and they were the exponent and the leader, rests the "instruments of divine judgment upon responsibility of deliberately planning Germany's enemies" were regarded by and bringing about the greatest con- many outside of Germany as pieces of wife at Sarajevo. flict the world has ever seen.

It did not matter to the world that own people. the emperor's personal share in the swift events immediately preceding the William's claim to close affinity with war had been obscured. The world conGod was the burden of dozens of his the best information obtainable, the high command of the German army

The Murder of Edith Cavell.

Civilization will never forget that it

the war" availed as nothing. Before the bar of humanity William was adthe bar of humanity William was adjudged guilty of the greatest crime suppositious words of the emperor: saw the last of the autocrats, the Anal "Gott pulls mit me-and I mit Him-Caesar. Assertions that he was at heart peaceful, so persistently circulated for years as to give them the stamp of German propaganda, became deluded emperor in his "shining armor" an offensive and defensive alliance branded as certainly false. He who had manoeuvring his armies and his fleets, against England. The treaty was dispeace stood revealed as humanity's tem, cementing the central empires and minister. scourge, and against him and all that Turkey, and fostering the preaching of

Many doubt whether William was make war upon entirely sane. He said repeatedly that he possessed a divine mandate to rule, that the Almighty was his "uncondi- far-sighted

were the product of a disordered brain A dream of world dominion obsessing or were due to unbounded egotism and the mind of Emperor William plunged an effort to impress his subjects with rhetoric, intended only to deceive his

war had been obscured. The world convoled him of organizing, directing and speeches long before, as well as after, decision was reached to make the aswas emphasized by Dr. Willeam and the beginning of the war. Of these, sassination of the archduke a pretence lon, a former director of the Krupp maintaining at the top notch of emclency the great German military maperhaps, none more clearly defined his
for the world war for which Germany
works, the great German munitions facthe order for the German mobilization. "divine right" speech delivered at It remembered that he stood sponsor Brandenburg in 1890, in which he said Germany and Austria on one side and laid blame upon Germany for bad forth and criticized the German army for the terrorism and brigandage which, under the guise of warfare, ravwhich, under the guise of warfare, ravwhich which under the guise of warfare, ravwhich which warfare, ravwhich warfare, ravwh which, under the guise of warfare, ravresponsibility" conferred upon him by
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war not a menace, but a comedy. It mad campaign for victory, encouraging tinued interference by the kaiser." It was the minions of the emperor who officially shot to death Edith Cavell and the English girl who befriended the Spain and telling of the clash with the fensive.

Laughed with the then Capt. Joseph B. Inem with every device and sometimes appearing at the front to be proclaimed as personal commander in a great office.

Was Dr. Muenion, who asserted the authenticity of the statement that Emperor William stated at a meeting of German army officers that he had plenty of price and sometimes appearing at the front to be proclaimed as personal commander in a great officers that he had plenty of price and sometimes appearing at the front to be proclaimed as personal commander in a great officers. famous poem, "Hoch der Kaiser." In

Meinself-und Gott."

Yet the

would one day bring catastrophe upon King George had promised Prince Hengerous of all toys-his army and navy. France and Russia. They were his playthings. He devel- Perhaps the most direct and authori-

ventions untried; so grasped the first Lichnowsky, who was German ambasopportunity to wage a world war. Meantime the German war party grew hostilities.

Recalled from a yachting trip, William presided at a conference at Potsdam of representatives of the German

bia and sent the Lusitania with ner I shall be called upon to give account. Of the German army and from that mo- to remain. They could not do better," ment war was inevitable. Thereafter he he declared, "because of the character, In all this the world saw before the drove on his armies relentlessly in the the power, the vacillation of and con-

Publication of the "Willy-Nicky" cor- cers would see that no more prisoners respondence in 1917, placed the German were taken emperor in the light of an unscrupulous plotter. The telegrams disclosed that leader, declared the German ruler Emperor William had induced Emperor Nicholas of Russia to sign a secret agreement to which he was to force the Few statesmen realized then that the adherence of France in the perfection of long proclaimed himself the prince of building up the German military sys- covered and repudiated by a Russian

Failing in his attempt, the German ing a machine that one day would drawing England to his side against Hungary. Our duty as an ally called us shipment of munitions and supplies to Friedrich Wilhelm Victor Albert was He encouraged the foundation of ex-France and Russia. How well he thought to the side of Austria-Hungary. The the Entente Allies by declaring to the born January 27, 1859, and became Emchange professorships by which promi-

the nations. These men saw in him ry of Prussia, on July 29, 1914, that then and see him now as a mad inventor given in his youth the most dan- involving the central powers with

oped them throughout the years to the tative of the accusations against the point where he had to put them to a German emperor and the Pan-Germans test. Like a crazed inventor, he feared are contained in the published secret the end of his reign would find his in- memorandum of Prince Charles Max sador at London at the outbreak of with William as its head, and the placed the blame for the war on Ger-The prince unequivocally scheme of world dominion awaited the many, and for his frankness was imhour to begin its attainment. It came prisoned in a Silesian chateau, permanwith the assassination of the Austrian ently expelled from the Prussian House Archduke, Francis Ferdinand, and his of Lords, which action was sanctioned by the emperor, and, finally, was exlied

An Order to Slay Prisoners.

Maximilian Harden, a German Liberal brought on the war because of his desire "for something like world rule."

William often proclaimed his inno-

of prisoners, and that he hoped the offi-

ence, and endeavored to put the onus of the war on the shoulders of the he represented rose the new world of the supremacy of autocracy, was erect- emperor set upon himself the task of Empire stepped in the way of Austria- cial action would be taken to stop the from Berlin to Bagdad.

SEES APPARITION OF HIS DOOM

ing for years against the strength and | prosperity of the German empire."

States, when it became evident no offi- German ambition of German dominion

William's designs to spread German domination in Asia found expression in Stated hours were devoted to the task death his famous visits to Constantinople, of informing himself on the progress of The emperor, despite his previous ex- when he was proclaimed as protector of events at home and abroad through ALBERT PRESENTS HOMF Entente Allies. In his speech from the pressions of goodwill for America, gave the Moslems. In this the world saw a reading of the principal German and for vent to his anger against the United cunning step toward achievement of the eign newspapers.

he had succeeded in this may be gath- situation arose not from temporary con- American ambassador, James W. Ger peror William II. on the death of his nent German educators visited this office of the

routine of official business under the tutelage of the great Bismarck. At the death of his father, the im- to take personal command of his raperial throne devolved upon William II., yachts, and sail them with conside

marck continued as chancellor, but not palatial hunting lodges and is re for long. Though the great statesman to have been the champion hunte had made every effort to instil his the world in the point of game k young pupil with his own ideas of gov- It was stated that the emperor ernment and diplomatic policies, the killed 61,730 pieces of game, more new emperor soon found that he dis- 4,000 of which were stags, agreed with his grandfather's former He was a great reader—his priclose adviser in many important re- library in the imperial palace at Be spects. In 1890 the disagreement of the before the war was h two men reached a crisis, a rupture the most interesting collections of be came, and Bismarck went. The rela- in the world. He posed as a dictat

Militarism His Idol.

given in the Potsdam palace wit man he was a stickler for efficiency, discipline and the observance of eti- Physically unimpressive—he was s quette to the last detail. And of the and inclined to stoutness—William details of all these components of army fond of being photographed while st life and training he was familiar to the ing a military posture, though ta mallest point. It is related that dur- good care to veil the deformity of ing military reviews he was able to de- left arm, a disfigurement with tect the slightest imperfection in the equipment or training of a regiment tremely sensitive. or squadron and called attention to the lish mother for living a life of dereliction sharply. With the principles of tactics and manoeuvres, too. was thoroughly acquainted.

matters, the Emperor was thoroughly out mention of his full, bristling matters, the Emperor was thoroughly familiar with naval affairs, having a technical mastery of the details that go to make up the efficiency of a fleet. Study of naval problems was one of his pet occupations. His influence was potent in fostering the development of German commerce, art and science. His photographs, which he tributed with a lavish hand, showe angles. He married Augusta Victoria, object of Grand Duke Frederick Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augusta Victoria, object of German commerce, art and science. His photographs, which he tributed with a lavish hand, showe angles. He married Augusta Victoria, object of Grand Duke Frederick Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augusta Victoria, object of German commerce, art and science. His photographs, which he tributed with a lavish hand, showe angles. German commerce, art and science. six sons and one daughter, or with the crown prince of the crown prince man leaders and evoked from them admonitions to leave diplomacy to his Dan

hour was 6 o'clock sharp and a long day's hard work, which frequently ex-

statecraft. Set to work in the Govern- tions of learning. ment bureaus, he was early taught the Salled Racing Yachts.

He was an enthusiastic yachtsm and despite his withered arm, was who was then but 29 years of age. Bis- success. He spent much time at

tions between the two men remained music, painting, poetry and acting, strained for several years, but before At one time it Bismarck died peace was made between had composed the libretto of a b to be given in celebration of his bir day. A private performance of c With the passing of Bismarck the em- his musical efforts is said to have notable effect upon the musical w No description of the emperor's sonal appearance will be complete

In everything he was described as thorough and, withal, one of the hard-killed in battle ellcited from him word of sympathy. He was added to the control of sympathy. He was added to the control of sympathy. He was added to the control of sympathy.

by some ered from a letter he wrote to Presi- flicts of interests or diplomatic combin- ard, "I shall stand no nonsense from father, Frederick III., June 15, 1888. He country and lectured in the colleges ALLIED NATIONS FACED NERVOUS DAYS IN 1918 PRIOR TO THE LAUNCHING OF GREAT WORLD-WAR WINNING OFFENSIVE JULY 18

Final Year of Great War Was Marked by Stirring Times-Collapse of Russia Was a Severe Blow to Allies and Materially Prolonged the Conflict - Looked Black for the Allies Early in the Spring.

The Czecho-Slovaks and Jugo-Slavs gain freedom.
The Holy Land is wrested from the Turks. The only thing required is the suppression of the Bolsheviki in Rusand war may be banished from the face of the earth. The present "League of (Allied) Nations" is a sufficient guarantee. The present "League of (Allied)

The history of the war from the commencement until the turning of the tables when the Allies took the offensive on July 18, this year, is chronicled by the Associated Press, as follows:

It was on July 28, 1914, that Austria declared war on Serbia, beginning the great struggle. During the past twelve months there have been occurrences that in some aspects have been of even the world than those in the preceding the world than those in the preceding instances disaffected.

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the Allies reports that the Central Empires were taking the pick of their centrating them for a drive against part of the line in the western theatre. Then aimed against Italy.

The storm broke at Caporette on Oct.

26, and almost immediately the whole Italian line was thrown into disorder. Pouring through the passes, where in some instances disaffected.

Belgium is won back, Serbla is won back.

Rumania is won back

Montenegro is won back.

Poland is an Independent nation.

The partner of the set of the control of the contro

By this treaty Rumania lost the prov-nce of Dobrudja, on the south side of he Danube, which she had received

from Bucharest to Jassy, and with the Russian Bolsheviki openly hostile toward her, Rumania found herself in a critical situation. Rumanian troops during February and March advanced into Bessarabia, a part of the new republic of Ukraine, but they were hemmed in by the enemy forces and obliged to withdraw. At last, on May 6, Rumania signed a treaty of peace with the central powers.

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The Enemy Offensives.

nce of Dobrudja, on the south side of the Danube, which she had received after the Balkan war, and agreed to a rectification of her western frontier. Economic concessions also were made under pressure from the Teutonic alliance.

Peace Tentatives.

The peffod between December 1, 1917, and March 1, 1918, may be called the period of peace tentatives. It is true that before the end of the summer Pope Benedict made an appeal to the warring nations to enter into peace negotiations. The period was known with comparative certainty.

trians retreated to the eastern bank of the Piave from the Montello plateau to the Adriatic, credit are somewhat smaller. At lates reports the total of the German was loans approximated \$31,000,000,000,000, Minor Operations.

Minor Operations.

Among the year's operations of comparatively lesser importance were the British drives in Palestine and Mesopotamia; the Turkish advance in the Caucasus; the French and Italian offensive in Albania; and the fighting in the German and African colonies.

Internal Disorders.

There have been numerous reports of disorders in countries engaged in the war. Riots and bloodshed have been reported from Germany and Austria many times during the past spring and summer, and there is little doubt that the Slavic races of Austria are seething with discontent.

came out of the University of Bonn here, while American college professors

Jerusalem was captured by the British on December 10, and shortly afterward the fall of Jericho was announced. Since the taking of Jericho the British forces in Palestine have not been active on the offensive.

Gen. Maude led the British troops into Bagdad on March 11, and shortly afterward died from cholera. His forces pushed further up the Tigris until the intense heat of summer terminated operations.

The Turks after the collapse of Russia took advantage of the demoralized condition of the Russian forces to advance through the Caucasus and tootain possession of the regions subsequently ended them by the treaty of Brest-Litovsk.

The French and Italian drive in Albania began on July 6.

During the year British forces in Africa drove German forces before them in German East Africa and in German Southwest Africa and finally compelled them to disperse or surrender. This took from Germany the last of the vast colonial possessions held by her when the war began.

Submarine Warfare.

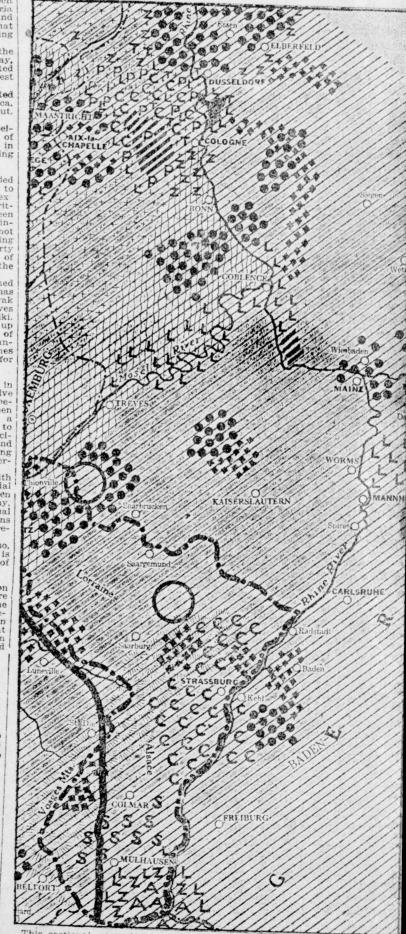
been built up around Czecho-Slovak prisoners of war who armed themselves and inflicted defeats on the Bolsheviki. A new government has been set up there under Gen. Horvath, president of the Chinese Eastern Railroad. Japan-ese, British and American marines have been in the city of Vladivost (c for months.

conomic concessions. Holland especially has been beset with difficulties, and at present the Allies are protesting against her exporting supplies to Germany.

Norway has signed an agreement with the United States by which commercial relations may be carried on. Sweden has been dealing openly with Germany, and has been threatened with a virtual boycott by Great Britain. Both nations have lost severely through the depredations of German submarines.

Denmark is in serious plight also, and it has been reported that there is great suffering among the people of that country.

PORTION OF GERMANY WHICH THE ALLIES WILL - LIKELY OCCUPY BY TERMS OF THE ARMISTIC



occupy (it includes portions of Alsace and Lorraine, which will be reste Frnce), shows the natural resources of the territory in qu show petroleum; the small crosses, cross-bred we ines, timber; the P. platinum; the S, sulphur; the black diam black circles, coal; the C, copper; the heavy diagonal lines, gold and silver; wavy lines, marble; the A, aluminum; the Z, zinc; the L, lead, and the T, tin is a very storehouse of natural wealth, and has been the backbone of Ge industrial and military strength. The map is adapted from Leslie's Weekly