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The Germans Are Finding It Very Difficult to Deal With the Heroic Queen of Roumania Who Refuses to Recognize the Terms of the Treaty as Binding.

THE signing of the treaty of peace between Germany and Roumania will be by no means the last action in the Roumanian tragedy. The announcement by German newspapers that Queen Marie would rather abdicate than reign over the country under the German peace conditions is held to be a case of the wish probably being father to the thought. The queen was largely instrumental in bringing Roumania into the war on the side of the allies and she has fought stubbornly for many months to avert peace. Even now that peace has been signed, it is predicted she



QUEEN MARIE OF ROUMANIA.

will continue to be a formidable obstacle in the path of the German plans for "penetration."

In a talk with the Associated Press correspondent at Jassy the day before her departure from that city Queen Marie said:

"I shall never become reconciled to a humiliating peace with Germany—never! and I hope, indeed, I know, that I shall have the support of Americans as well as Roumanians in continuing the fight against the invader. The time is a critical one for Roumania, but we know we are right and our courage is undaunted. We have been through critical times before. We have borne great hardships and undergone great sufferings. Greater hardships and sufferings are perhaps in store, but I continue to hope. It is only a woman's hope, but I cannot abandon it."

The Wilhelmstrasse is probably considering ways and means for riding Roumania of the queen's infantry. As a preparatory step, the German newspapers apparently have been instructed to speak of her as planning abdication. It seems safe to predict that she will never abdicate unless forced to do so, as she is known to be imbued with a deep sense of responsibility to the Roumanian people. It seems probable that the only reason why Germany has not already insisted upon the abdication of the queen is that King Ferdinand is a member of the Hohenzollern family and therefore still regarded with some degree of consideration by the German rulers.

Neglected Streets.

San Sebastian stands almost alone as a famous cosmopolitan watering place upon which the shadow of the war is scarcely cast. Existence there proceeds almost exactly as usual. The beaches are crowded in the mornings with bathing parties and boulevards and the terraces of the hotels and in the afternoons the boulevards and the terrace of the Casino are as gay as ever. As a result of the war the place certainly suffers from the absence of a good part of the cosmopolitan element, largely French and American, and it is dependent chiefly on the people of Spain itself, but there are quite as many of the aristocratic families as ever there were, and the humbler folk follow them in their thousands.

The absence of the aliens inevitably means a considerable decrease in the income, and this is made the excuse for certain apparent neglect on the part of the Ayuntamiento, for some say they notice an occasional untidiness in the streets which did not exist before. It has been declared of San Sebastian that a lady might cross the street in dancing slippers immediately after a heavy rain without marking them with mud, but that is scarcely true at the present moment.

—Family Herald.

Artificial Gems.

Nearly all artificial gems—that is to say, stones that are really made by artificial means—are compounds of alum crystallized under special conditions. The metallic salts that are added during fusion determine whether the stones produced shall be sapphires, rubies, oriental topazes, amethysts or emeralds.

W. J. Elliott, J. E. Ferguson and S. M. Douglas were nominated at Ingersoll to fill a vacancy in the town council.

STRANGE FIGURES OF WAR.

Striking Acrostics Produced by a New York Golf Instructor.

A novel calculation in connection with the war has been made by John Forman, instructor in the Far East Garden golf course at the Vanderbilt Hotel, New York.

"For some time I have worked over the figures that have come up in the war," Forman states, "and possibly this month may bring about some surprises when you take into consideration the significance of six curious comparisons and citations which I shall give you.

"The Kaiser is the man who started the war. Serbia is the country where the war started. There are six letters in each of these words, mark you, and if written together and divided in halves, these two halves will spell 'Kaiser' and 'Serbia,' thus:

Kal : ser
Ser : bla

"The great man in France is Joffre. Apply the same rule as above, and we have:

Jof : fre
Fre : nch

"Germany claims to be the most cultivated nation in the world. This superlative is termed Kultur. The key has the least Kultur. Apply the same rule:

Kul : tur
Tur : key

"The Kaiser's Number. — If the word Kaiser is written with each letter followed by the number of its place in the alphabet, and after these numbers is placed the significant number 6, we have:

K—116
A—16
I—96
S—198
E—56
R—186

Kaiser's number 666.

"Also note that when the Kaiser started the war he was aged 55 years and 6 months (666 months), which again fixes the Kaiser's number. Having established this fact, you will be interested in reading from the thirteenth chapter of Revelations, the fourth, fifth, and eighteenth verses:

"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying—Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

"And he that was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemous; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred and three score and six (666)."

"War started in August, 1914; plus 42 months make February, 1918.

The Open Ballot in Prussia.

The landlord in the eastern provinces replaces his Social Democratic laborers with Poles; or if Poles are unavailable he may raise their rent or foreclose a mortgage. Official candidature is encouraged by the fact that functionaries are eligible from the district where they hold office.

Denying one's political faith under the threat of a loss of local patronage. Through various channels a strong pressure is exerted in favor of landed and bureaucratic interests.

Prussia is a parish on the verge of bankruptcy. The account of this manipulation of the suffrage depends largely on the point of view. It is not clear what connection either open or secret voting may have with political peonage. Even if a landlord does not learn his peasant's vote at the open poll, there is a reluctance to lie if the question is asked him point-blank. Denying one's political faith under pressure carries with it some what the stigma of declining to recognize one's parents in a superior social gathering. Die echte Buergertugend itself is maintained even in a polling booth. It is enough to say that it makes easier the independence of the voter from circumstances of employment and social limitations. In Prussia, where both these things are wrong, public voting neutralizes universal suffrage by destroying the freedom of the common voter.

More significant than the practical effect of the open ballot is its psychological effect. The small voter knows the dispute which an independent vote would entail, and rather than face the music, he stays away from the polls. One may wonder at the apathy of the farming classes; but the abstention of 90 per cent. of the third class in one district in East Prussia, and of 92 per cent. in Koenigsberg betrays an unwholesome state in the body politic. The poorer classes would rather forego the suffrage than enjoy it under the patronage of the first class. Donald Faigie Frary in Review of Reviews.

Must Vary Work.

Officials in the French army do not believe that the most efficient service is obtained from members of the military clerical force when the latter sit at their desks practically all day without interruption, says the Popular Mechanic. Consequently the French Government is said to have installed, for the use of army clerks, typewriter stands so made that each machine is alternately raised and lowered each half hour. Under this arrangement the most sedentary individuals are compelled to stand while doing a part of each day's work. The innovation is reported to have proved very beneficial.

Photographing Animals.

By building a concrete tank with a way in one side a Scotch physician succeeded in getting under pictures of otters and other water animals.

Rhea Dupuis, 18, of Ottawa, who arrested at a Montreal hotel, where she has been stopping for some time under the name of Miss Borque.



If Not A Family Garden Why Not A Community Garden?

Those who grew vegetables in their gardens, or who went in for Community vegetable gardening last year, and had good results, will do the same this year.

But to those who attempted vegetable gardening without success we say: Try again. As a matter of sheer necessity it is worth your while.

Don't rush into it. Figure out what you aim to do before you start. Then get the advice of a friendly neighbor whose vegetable garden was a success.

First of all fill out the coupon below and mail it and get a free copy of the Department of Agriculture's booklet entitled "A Vegetable Garden For Every Home." It is full of helpful practical suggestions, including plans for various sized gardens. If, after reading it, and getting the advice of your neighbor, you find that the soil in your own garden is not suited to vegetable gardening, get some neighbors or friends to join you and rent, or secure the donation of, a piece of suitable land nearby. Then pool your efforts in labour and money for the cultivation of substantial vegetable crops.

For example: Last year thirty-five men in an Ontario city, all of whom were novices at gardening, formed a pool of ten dollars each, and rented four acres of ground on the outskirts of the city. They then secured the services of a man who knew something about farming. They paid him to plow and harrow the land, purchase seed, and get the job properly started. Then each man agreed, and lived up to his agreement, to do so much hoeing. Incidentally they paid the farmer for his supervision and direction through the season.

In November of last year they had \$42.00 still left in the treasury, and to each of thirty-five families there had been delivered (charges prepaid) vegetables to the market value of about \$31.00.

Everybody was perfectly satisfied; and the result is, those same thirty-five men are going to double their efforts this year.

The point we want to make is this. If those thirty-five men had been left to their own devices, in their own back gardens, some of them might have taken off \$30 worth of vegetables for their efforts, but most of them would not. Whereas by tackling the job on the Community plan they shared each others good fortune, joked over their disappointments, and produced more than \$1,000.00 worth of vegetables at market prices, and so relieved the demand for food that much.

Why not try to do likewise? One other point that may help you to decide is this.

The farmers of Ontario have been urged to grow more wheat, and to produce more abundantly of the farm products that can best be sent overseas. The people in villages, towns and cities, therefore, are asked to grow food to feed themselves as far as possible so that the overseas supplies may not be drawn on unless absolutely necessary.

It is quite possible that vegetables may be higher in price next fall and winter than they have been this last year, consequently every pound of food you grow will make you that much less dependent upon them.

Write now for a free copy of the booklet entitled "A Vegetable Garden for Every Home," prepared by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. It is full of helpful practical suggestions, including plans for various sized gardens. You can get a copy by filling out and mailing the coupon below.

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Auditorium Theatre, whose annex was set on fire by rioters some time ago, has filed a claim for \$23,000 damages against the city of Quebec.

General Hemming presented to Mrs. Helen McAuliffe, of Ormeau, Ont., the Victoria Cross awarded to her son, the late Pte. Harry Brown, of the Tenth Canadian Infantry Battalion, who saved a position, but lost his life.

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