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## Midnight Councils at Windsor Castle.

### LORD HALDANE AND KAISER—HIS STORY OF DIPLOMACY IN DRESS AND AT ODD MOMENTS.

By a happy coincidence, the confessions of Lord Haldane and Herr von Bethmann appear at the same time. In the Westminster Gazette recently, Lord Haldane unburdened his soul of a long and circumstantial statement of the facts of his much-suspected dealing with German, and in the Sunday Times we are given Herr von Bethmann Holweg's account of the same affair. Deep in fact, answers unto deep," says the Morning Post.

#### A Splendid Machine.

"The most interesting portions of the 'Recollections' are those in which Lord Haldane records, in considerable detail, his very frank conversations with the Kaiser and certain of his Ministers on Germany's relations with her neighbours, both on that occasion and again during the Emperor's visit to Windsor in 1907, when the special subject of discussion was the Bagdad Railway.

"On the invitation of the Kaiser, Lord Haldane attended a review of the troops at Berlin, and he mentions

that while it was in progress the Emperor rode up to his carriage and said:

"A splendid machine I have in this army, Mr. Haldane; now isn't it so? And what could I do without it, situated as I am between the Russians and the French? But the French are your allies—are they not? So I beg your pardon."

"Next day, at the 'Schloss,' he talked to me fully and cordially. What follows I extract from the record I made after the conversation in my diary, which were kept by desire of King Edward, and which were printed by the Government on my return to London.

"He spoke of the Anglo-French Entente. He said that it would be wrong to infer that he had any critical thought about our entente with France. On the contrary, he believed that it might even facilitate good relations between France and Germany. He wished for these good relations, and was taking steps through gentlemen of high position in France to obtain them. Not one inch more of French territory would he ever cede."

A Talk With the Emperor.  
"Alsace and Lorraine originally had been German, and now even the

least German of the two, Lorraine, because it preferred a monarchy to a republic, was welcoming him enthusiastically whenever he went there. That he should have gone to Tangier, where both English and French welcomed him, was quite natural. He desired no quarrel, and the whole fault was Delcasse's, who had wanted to pick a quarrel and bring England into it.

"I told the Emperor that his attitude had caused great uneasiness in England, and that this, and not any notion of forming a tripartite alliance of France, Russia, and England, against him, was the reason of the feeling there had been. We were bound by no military alliance."

"He said that he had no criticism to make on this, except that if we had told him so early, there would have been no misunderstanding. Things were better now, but we had not always been pleasant to him and ready to meet him. His army was for defence, not for offence. As to Russia, he had no Himalayas between him and Russia, more was the pity. Now what about our Two-Power standard (all this was said with earnestness, but in a friendly way, the Emperor laying his finger on my shoulder as he spoke. Sometimes the conversation was in German, but often in English.)

"I said that the Two-power standard, while it might be rigid and so awkward, was a way of maintaining a deep-seated national tradition. . . . But, I added, there was an excellent opportunity for co-operation in other things. I instanced international Free Trade developments which would smooth other relations.

"The Emperor agreed. He was convinced that Free Trade was the true policy for Germany also, but Germany could not go so quickly here as England had gone.

"The Emperor then spoke of Chamberlain's policy of Tariff Reform, and said that it had caused him anxiety. . . . What he sought after was not territory but trade expansion.

#### The Kaiser at Windsor.

"A year after the visit I had paid to Berlin, the Emperor came over to stay with King Edward at Windsor. The visit lasted several days, and I was present most of the time. . . . The first evening of my visit there, just after his arrival in November, the Emperor took me aside and said he was sorry that there was a good deal of friction over the Bagdad Railway, and that he did not know what we wanted as a basis for co-operation."

"I said that I could not answer for the Foreign Office, but that, speaking as War Minister, one thing I knew we wanted was a 'gate' to protect India from troops coming down the new railway. He asked me what I meant by a 'gate,' and I said that meant the control of the section which would come near to the Persian Gulf. I will give you the 'gate,' replied the Emperor.

"I had no opportunity at the moment, which was just before dinner, for pursuing the conversation further, but I thought the answer too important not to be followed up. There were private theatricals after dinner, which lasted till nearly one o'clock in the morning. I was seated in the theatre of the castle just behind the Emperor, and, as the company broke up, I went forward and asked him whether he really meant seriously that he was willing to give us the 'gate,' because, if he did mean it, I would go to London early and see Sir Edward Grey at the Foreign Office.

#### An Early Visitor.

"Next morning, about 7.30 o'clock, a helmeted groomsman, one of those whom the Emperor had brought over with him from Berlin, knocked loudly at the door and came into my bedroom, and said that he had a message from the Emperor. It was that he had meant what he had said the night before. I at once got up and caught a train for London. There I saw the Foreign Secretary, who, after taking time to think things over, gave me a memorandum he had drawn up. The substance of it was that the British Government would be very glad to discuss the Emperor's suggestion, but that it would be necessary, before making a settlement, to bring into the discussion France and Russia, whose interests also were involved. I was requested to sound the Emperor further."

#### A Cabinet Meeting.

"After telling King Edward of what was happening, I had a further conversation in Windsor Castle with the Emperor, who said that he feared that the bringing in of Russia particularly, not to speak of France, would cause difficulty; but he asked me to come that night, after a performance that was to take place in the Castle theatre had ended, to his apartments, to a meeting to which he would summon the Ministers he had brought with him. He took the memorandum which I had brought from London, a copy of which I had made for him in my own hand-writing, so as to present it as the informal document it was intended to be."

"Just before dinner Baron von Schoen spoke to me, and told me what he had heard from the Emperor that had happened, and that the Emperor was wrong in thinking that the attempt to bring in Russia would lead to difficulty, because he (Baron



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von Schoen), when he was Ambassador to Russia, had already discussed the general question with its Government, and had virtually come to an understanding. At the meeting that night he could therefore go on to negotiate.

#### An Animated Conversation.

"I attended the Emperor in his State rooms at the Castle at one o'clock in the morning, and sat smoking with him and his Ministers for over two hours. His Foreign Minister and Count Metternich and the War Minister, Von Eimern, were present. I said that I felt myself an intruder, because it was very much like being present at a sitting of his Cabinet. He replied, 'Be a member of my Cabinet for the evening.' I said that I was quite agreeable.

"They then engaged in a very animated conversation, some of them challenging the proposal of the Emperor to accept the British suggestions, with an outspokenness which would have astonished the outside world, with its notions of Teutonic autocracy. Count Metternich did not at all like what I suggested, that there should be a conference in Berlin on the subject of the Bagdad Railway between England, France, Russia, and Germany."

"In the end, but not until after much keen argument, the idea was accepted, and the Emperor directed Von Schoen to go next morning to London and make an official proposal to Sir Edward Grey. This was carried out, and the preliminary details were discussed between Von Schoen and Sir Edward at the Foreign Office."

"Some weeks afterwards difficulties were raised from Berlin. Germany said that she was ready to discuss with the British Government the question of the terminal portion of the railway, but she did not desire to bring the other two Powers into that discussion, because the conference would probably fail and accentuate the differences between her and the other Powers. The matter thus came to an end."

### The King at Play.

HIS MAJESTY'S RECENT HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND WAS QUITE A BUSY ONE.

While at Balmoral the King was out of doors early in the morning, usually accompanied by his three sons, and a sharp walk before breakfast was the usual programme.

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A New Application for an Old Proverb.

But here is a new and perhaps more interesting connotation for it. It can also be applied to the way the character is unconsciously molded by early conditions.

Here is an instance. I know a husband and wife who are exactly opposite in their feeling about money. The wife is always free with it, always ready to give it away or spend it. The husband is the opposite, he hates to see money going out. They are people who have learned to shrewd many matters out instead of quarrelling over them, and his wife told me that this was one of the subjects they had come to discuss calmly.

He Had the Need of Saving Money Burned Into Him.

"And we've decided," she said, "that the reason we feel so differently is because we had such different experiences in our youth. You see, his father started life as a poor boy. He worked fearfully hard and made quite a little money and then he invested it and lost every cent. And that made him so despondent and discouraged that he lost his business too. When he had been doing well he had helped all his relatives and his wife's relatives but when things went against him there was no one to help him, and his wife and children had a terrible hard time for awhile. My husband says he had it burned into him then that if you have money you'd better save it."

"I don't wonder," I said.

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