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The Kaiser and England.

We have long known that the reason for the particularly bitter hatred against England which obsessed all Germany at the outbreak of the war was the belief, persisting up to the very last moment, that England would stand aside. It has been a German argument that this belief was based on the acts of perfidious Albion herself; that the Government had talked neutrality and finally declared war. The world before this has been able to judge the extent to which typically Teutonic political blindness thus misinterpreted honest efforts to preserve the peace of Europe, and overestimated the influence of pacifism in the British Cabinet and the British nation. And now the publication of secret German archives by Kautsky, Schuchting and Montgelas shows what the Kaiser thought about the Kaiser who at any time before the war could have prevented the war. The Kaiser agrees with the whole band of propagandists when he says that "one single, sharp and earnest word of warning" from Sir Edward Grey would have made war out of the question. But warning to whom? In the Kaiser's opinion, to Paris and Petrograd. If Grey "enjoined neutrality" upon France and Russia, both would keep quiet at once. The Kaiser, perhaps, did not consciously "will the war" with England. He willed a little war with Serbia; if need be he willed, so far back as July 5, a safe war with Russia. When it became apparent that France would stand by Russia, he willed a war with France, thinking he was certain to win. When England stands by France and Russia it is shameless perfidy; the Kaiser did not will the war; but it never entered his head to avoid it by calling off the safe war with Serbia which had started the whole trouble. On July 30 the Kaiser wrote to Bethmann Hollweg:

It is now clear to me beyond all doubt that England, Russia and France—on the ostensible ground that they are confronted with our casus foederis toward Russia—have seized upon the Austro-Serbian conflict as a pretext, and have deliberately concerted among themselves to embark upon a war of destruction against us. . . . Either we must basely betray our ally to the mercy of Russia, thereby breaking up the Triple Alliance, or else for our loyalty to our ally we must submit to being set upon and chased by the whole Triple Entente. That is to say, when the Kaiser refuses to try to calm down his ally, whom he had deliberately incited to war on Serbia three weeks earlier, it is loyalty. When England refuses to abandon her allies whom the Kaiser is about to attack, it is a deliberately concerted war of destruction, and Sir Edward Grey is denounced in language more indicative of hatred than of resentment. Surely this is the perfection of truly German reasoning.—N. Y. Times.

Celebrities Who Pined in Prison.

What would the world say to-day if on arriving in Ireland after their magnificent flight across the Atlantic, the late hero Alcock and Brown, instead of being received with the enthusiasm they so richly merited, had been seized by the authorities and thrown into the Detention Barracks in Dublin? And yet it was into a gloomy dungeon that Christopher Columbus was hurled for an exploit no less daring. All the gratitude that he received was the displeasure of his co-called patrons, the abuse of the populace, threats, imprecations, and then, as if that were not sufficient, the luckless discoverer was clapped into irons. All that Galileo got for his services to science was public ridicule and a prison-cell. It was Galileo who declared that the earth went round the sun, for which preposterous assertion his judges had only one sentence. "We'll let you go free if you admit this statement to be a tissue of lies," he was told after he had languished in prison for months. "Very well, the earth does not go round the sun," remarked the great astronomer. "It does for all that!" said he to himself, as soon as he had quit the judges' presence. Sir Walter Raleigh spent over ten years of his life in prison, and the beautiful Mary Queen of Scots a much longer period. So absolutely bored was the first named with prison life that he attempted to destroy himself. As for Queen Mary, she, too, became horribly depressed owing to her monotonous existence. It was from one of the many prisons in which she was confined from time to time that she escaped just prior to the Battle of Langside, after which disaster to her cause she was once more promptly placed in custody. It was as a prisoner that Cervantes wrote "Don Quixote" and Bunyan the "Pilgrim's Progress." Leigh Hunt wrote some of his finest essays in prison, and the late W. T. Stead used to refer to the months he spent in Holloway as one of the happiest periods of his life. Erasmus, the famous scholar, when

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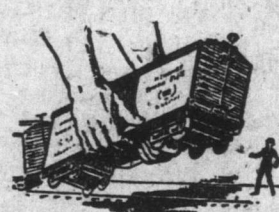
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The Week's Calendar.

- DECEMBER—12th Month—31 Days.
- 22.—MONDAY. New Moon 6.51 p.m. George Elliot (novelist), died, 1880. Brest-Litovsk conference opened, 1917. Trooper Corsican, with 600 Canadians, sailed for Halifax, 1918.
 - 23.—TUESDAY. Sir Richard Arkwright born, 1832.
 - 24.—WEDNESDAY. W. Makepeace Thackeray (novelist) died, 1863. Viscount Morley born, 1838.
 - 25.—THURSDAY. Christmas Day.
 - 26.—FRIDAY. St. Stephen's Day. Boxing Day.
 - 27.—SATURDAY. St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
 - 28.—SUNDAY. 1st after Christmas. Innocents Day. Childermas.

Labor Leader Linegar Upheld.

HIS LATE SUPPORTERS WILL AGAIN BACK HIM.

Editor Evening Telegram
Dear Sir,—I read two letters in Saturday's Telegram in reference to Mr. Linegar, the Leader of the Workingmen's Party in the General Election and now the special Labor representative with the Opposition. What both writers stated was absolutely true, as I can vouch for. I am one of the committeemen of the Workingmen's Political Party, and as such know that Mr. Linegar holds the warm support and good-wishes of practically every member of the committee. At the meeting of the committee in the L.S. P.U. Hall it was decided that the invitation of the Opposition to Labor to place a man as candidate for the bye-election in St. John's West be accepted, and Mr. William Linegar was selected to be that candidate. Mr. Linegar did not select himself. We selected him, and appointed him to the position. Mr. Linegar was the Leader of our party in the General Election, and never did anyone dare breathe a word against him. We found him to be clean, honest and above board. That he has now accepted the command of the Workingmen's Committee to stand in the bye-election as the special Labor representative of the Opposition certainly does not say anything against him. We fought for Mr. Linegar, with his two candidates, in the month of November, and we will fight even more for him now. Because, you see, Sir, the workingmen of St. John's West are determined, this time, that they will put a man in the House of Assembly as their special representative. Thanking you for space, I am

Yours sincerely,
A LABOR WORKER.

Dec. 21, 1919.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Brighton is expected in a day or two from Sydney with general cargo.
S.S. Canadian Sower sails to-day for St. John, N.B.
A steamer is expected to leave Sydney to-day with a cargo of coal for Humbermouth to the Reid Co.

Trains Hung Up.

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