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What the Kaiser Said.

By J. R. SMALLWOOD, of the Telegram Reporter Staff.

Having landed in Amerongen, Holland, I immediately enquired from a porter at the Railway Station the direction to Amerongen Castle where I was to meet the ex-Kaiser of the German Empire.

The guard at the Castle gate thought I prevented me from entering, but I soon ascertained by showing my letter from William Hohenzollern, inviting me to the Castle whenever I should feel so inclined. The guard became immediately humble, and called another grey-haired soldier from the little sentry-house just inside the gate.

"Conduct the Her to His Imperial Majesty's suite," he said, and the other clerk slicked his heels and saluted stiffly.

"Mr. Hohenzollern," I said, after we had made ourselves known to each other, "I am here principally to obtain your views on certain matters."

"Of course, of course," replied he, "ask anything you like. Anything you want to know ask me and I'll be only too pleased to tell you!"

"Well, in the first place, I'd like to know who started the war. The world says it was you, did you?"

He scratched his head. "As a matter of fact," said he, "I'm not sure on that point. The wisest and I are continually arguing about the matter. She accuses me of starting the war, while I accuse her. The issue comprises our main topic of argument."

"Do you and Mrs. Hohenzollern argue much, then?" was my next question.

"Argue!" he exclaimed, harshly. "Why, that woman doesn't give me a minute's rest! She'll wake me up in the middle of the night and begin an argument right then. It's beginning to get on my nerves now, and something desperate must be done."

"How do you spend your time?" I interrogated.

"Oh, in various ways. Reading, writing and arithmetic take up most of my time. Then I do some sawing."

"What do you read?" I wanted to know, my pencil going like lightning.

"Buffalo Bills, Dick Turpins, Claude Duval, Roaring Robs, Old King Brads and sometimes theological works," was his reply. "However, I don't read much on theology, no more than a book a year."

"You say you write. What do you write about?"

He answered me. "I have written some fairy tales, too. They are very interesting. Perhaps you would like to read some of them?"

"No, no!" I answered hurriedly. "I haven't read any fairy stories since I went to school and I don't think I would be interested in them now. But, have they been published yet?"

"No," he answered sadly. "Every one that I have submitted has been returned to me." Here he lapsed into a reminiscent mood. "I wish for the days that are gone," he murmured.

"Then I would not brook refusal—I would have had him clapped into prison!"

"And is that all you have written?" I asked next, bent on getting all the information I could.

"Well, no, I am now engaged on a long work of about five hundred thousand words, to run into five volumes, when published, entitled, 'An Enquiry into the Rise, Construction and Development of the Modern Flea.' I have consulted some of the most learned books of my library for data on the subject, while I have had a long and varied experience in the flea's work."

"You mentioned something about sawing. What did you mean by that?"

"Sawing wood. I have sawed, to date, exactly ten thousand trees. I have kept a system of books, and know exactly how many junks were made, how many strokes of my arm were required to saw them, the total length, weight and volume of all the trees, and how long it would take to find lost collar-buttons enough to make a pile as high as the grand total length of the thousand trees. Sawing is a very interesting occupation!"

"But, what is your idea of sawing so much wood, when you haven't got to? Personally, I wouldn't saw one junk unless I positively had to."

"Well," he answered, slowly, "there are two reasons. One is because I need exercise, and this is as good an exercise as any. Secondly, I want to live up to the wisdom of the old proverb, 'Saw nothing but saw wood.' The real reason, however, is a practical one. Some day, you see, I may need a little change, and a good big pile of sawed wood would not come in at all badly, would it?"

"I agree with you," I said. "And your last explanation leads me to another question. What do you intend

Why the Ghosts in the Tower Are Angry.

The Tower of London, which has housed so many famous prisoners from Lady Jane Grey down to Carl

Lody, the spy, it is said, will be the ex-Kaiser's place of detention.

"A meeting of historic ghosts, who have either lived or died in the Tower, was held at midnight last Friday," says the Evening News, "to protest against such a degradation of their historic home!"

"The following resolution was passed:— 'We, the members of the Tower Club, do hear with dismay and pain the rumour that Wilhelm II, the German, may be conducted to this our Tower of London, and protest with all our might that this low, filthy fellow be not so honoured and ourselves so brought to degradation.'

"Sir Walter Raleigh was in the chair. The club, one of the most exclusive in the whole world of ghosts, is composed of distinguished personages who have been imprisoned or executed in the Tower.

"They are not by any means all virtuous or narrow-minded characters; yet I have never, in a long experience of their assemblies, seen them so deeply moved by indignation.

Sir Walter Raleigh's Protest. "Sir Walter was supported by the brothers Edmund and Arthur de la Pole, the two members who have resided in the Tower, in body or as ghosts, since 1552.

"The Duke of Monmouth, Anne Boleyn, Lady Jane Grey, Sir Thomas More, Sir Thomas Overbury, Arthur Earl of Essex, Queen Katherine Howard, and the auburn-haired Guy Fawkes were among those present.

"Sir Walter Raleigh made a speech full of fire and anger. 'He said everyone would remember that the membership list of the club had been virtually closed at the time Sir Walter Raleigh was in the chair. The Committee had been empowered to admit from time to time any further lodgers at the Tower who might seem to be worthy associates.

"It was laid down at the time that ex-Sovereigns in particular should have the right to apply for the honour of membership.

"In the case of the Irish dynamiters, and of the Germans who were recently executed at the Tower, membership was impossible.

"There could be a certain splendour even in arson and assassination—'Hear, hear!'—but these people were merely infamous.

An Incredible Proposal. "Now came the incredible proposal to allow the dog Wilhelm the Second the dignity, the immortal lustre, of residence in the Tower. (Groans.)

"He asked the Jacobites, the Tudor captives, the Jesuits, and all others whom he saw around him whether they would receive this foul ruler in their ancient palace? ('No! no!') Even the pen of their friend William Shakespeare might fail to express their horror of such fiendish company.

"He knew, they all knew, that this was the very fate in which the scoundrel would delight. Was it not true that the dog was growing a Vandylke beard so that he might seem the very picture of the great Charles I.?

"Could they not see the knave posturing in uniform, with one single star on his breast, a playactor's scowl on his brow, passing through Traitor's Gate with his antic strut, wishing all the world to see him a splendid martyr?

"As they knew, even at an exhibition called a wax-works, the inmates of a dreadful room called the Chamber of Horrors had declined to have Wilhelm II. for companion.

"His manner of punishing the dog would be to bed him in a plain house with the watch to guard him.

"The man knew himself that in the dress of a soldier he was something of a figure, and that in the clothes of the citizen he looked but a clumsy German hairdresser.

At the Old Bailey. Therefore he would have him appear at Old Bailey in citizen's woollens, so that all the world would see him for the common knave he was, and so deride him. (Loud cheers.)

Lord Essex, seconding, said that if the fellow came to the Tower he would, were it possible, make bold to kick him out, but in the alternative he and the members would so haunt his bedchamber that the wretch would be crazy with terrors.

Several other speeches of a violent description were made, and the resolution was passed with acclamation at cock-crow.

The disgust of the ghost is very real. They are quite fervently excited at the threat, and hope that the public still on earth will support their agitation.

They feel that it should be received sympathetically by everyone of true British blood and instinct." Public Opinion.

Of course an iron ship must be made long enough and broad enough so that when it is completed there will be sufficient air contained within the hull to make the combination lighter than water. Always, therefore, when a ship is to be built, competent engineers must go over the plans of the vessel and calculate the air capacity, so as to make sure she will float.

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If you bore a hole in the bottom of a ship, the water will run in if the ship is in the water, and the ship will sink, because the water coming in drives out the air; and when the ship is full of water, the water in it, with the ship itself, are heavier than the water on which it sails, and the ship will go down just like a bar of iron, so far as its sinking qualities are concerned.

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Dr. Anna Shaw, Policewoman.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, has taken the oath at Washington as a policewoman in the district of Columbia, realizing an ambition she has had for forty years. "They made fun of me when I suggested it forty years ago," she said. Dr. Shaw is seventy years old.

Playing medic collars appear on blouse suits. Fashion prophesies an immense use of laces. Ostrich fringe is used to trim dinner frocks. White satin chemises have printed floral designs. The general tendency so far is for large hats.

POOR FISHING.—The fisherman operating on the local grounds have done poor work the last week or so, and the trap fishery has been the worst in several years.

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