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Germans Had Plans
Of Belgian Houses

London, Nov. 8.—The "Times" quotes a Belgian in whose accuracy it has confidence as giving remarkable details of the pillage of Belgian country houses organized by the military authorities. The "Times" says it has the names of the victims, most of whom are well-known members of Belgian society. According to the story the German General Staff compiled a guide book in

which the more comfortable houses were indicated by stars. In many cases where the heating apparatus had been installed by a German firm the authorities were supplied with plans of the houses. The pillage of such articles as plate, china, pictures, miniatures and wine, although done on a wholesale scale, was carried out with a degree of discrimination which testifies to the artistic culture of the visitors.

The "Times" informant says the collection of a well-known connoisseur of Oriental china near Brussels was carefully packed up and removed, with the exception of certain doubtful pieces. No less a personage than Prince Charles of Hohenzollern, who is himself a brother-in-law of the King of the Belgians and a brother of the King of Roumania, was to be seen directing the furniture removers with a discerning eye.

A certain Belgian nobleman, whose country house had been stripped in his absence of everything of value, applied to the German Governor of Brussels for redress. As a concession to his exalted rank he was allowed to inspect the depot near the Gare du Nord. Here he found the packing cases containing some of his own things and others belonging to his nephew.

A lady living near Bruges walled up her plate and pictures in the wine cellar of the house. The Germans found out about this from residents of the village and took a lot of these valuables. On the other hand there have been cases where the German officers have not stolen anything themselves, and have also prevented their men from doing any looting.

Fight In Which Cruiser Emden Was Destroyed

London, Nov. 18.—A despatch from Melbourne, Australia, to Reuter contains part of the report which Captain John Glossop, of the Australian cruiser Sydney, made regarding the fight in which the German cruiser Emden was destroyed. It says:

"The Emden's firing soon tailed when the Sydney began to hit the mark. The Emden's rudder was destroyed early in the fight, her speed suffering greatly in consequence. Her next loss was No. 1 funnel, then the foremast, and this was followed by No. 2 funnel. Finally, No. 3 funnel fell."

Foot and Mouth Disease.

The greatest possible precautions are being taken to prevent the foot and mouth disease, which is so prevalent in the United States, from being brought into this country, where it would play great havoc in the remount depot. The cars which are used to bring horses here are carefully cleaned after the animals are removed, and all waste matter is burned. It is thought that these precautions will be sufficient to prevent an outbreak of the disease, but the closest watch is being maintained for symptoms.

War "News" Comes
From Spirit-Land

London, Nov. 11.—War news derived from "purely psychic sources" is contained in the "Occult Messenger" as follows:

"The United States, the most unlikely people of all, will put its finger in the Turkish pie. Greece, Bulgaria, and Russia will be in Constantinople at Christmas, the Russians during the third and fourth week in November. Her armies assuredly will be victorious and tread German soil on the way to Berlin."

"The Allies will make unexpected progress during the latter part of November. New guns are making their appearance to smash the German forts and a new invention in French aviation seems to increase the Allies' tactical superiority and throw dismay into the retreating Teutons' ranks. The German losses are appalling, more than 1,800,000 being already put out of action on both her frontiers."

Kaiser Never Liked Son's
Mother-In-Law

The news that the German Crown Prince's mother-in-law the Grand Duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has renounced her German nationality, which she acquired through mar-

riage with a German Grand Duke in order to resume her native Russian nationality recalls her quarrel with the Kaiser at the time of her daughter's wedding.

The Grand Duchess Anastasia, a member of the Russian Imperial family married at an early age and exchanged life in Petrograd for the monotonous existence in a minor German capital. The climate and other conditions in Mecklenburg-Schwerin affected her adversely so that she regularly spent every winter in the south of France. She never became Germanized and being a woman of refinement and spirit was regarded with suspicion by the Huns of her adopted country.

The Kaiser disapproved of her. When his eldest son chose the Grand Duchess Anastasia's daughter, Cecile, as his wife the Kaiser was disappointed. At the wedding he behaved like a body, in accordance with the rules of etiquette the Grand Duchess Anastasia, as the mother of the bride, had to be placed next to the Kaiser, the father of the bridegroom, at each of the magnificent court festivities held in honor of the event. At all of these the Kaiser treated the Grand Duchess Anastasia with scant courtesy, sighting her in every possible way.

At the great state banquet held after the wedding ceremony the climax of discourtesy was reached. The Kaiser sat next to the Grand Duchess Anastasia. But he did not address a single word to her during the dinner. For the most part he turned his back on her to talk to his neighbor on the other side.

After the banquet the Imperial bride and bridegroom departed on their honeymoon and the moment they had started the Grand Duchess Anastasia withdrew to her apartments had her things packed and moved that very night to the Hotel Bristol, which is only a few doors down in the same street [Unter den Linden.] Her silent but eloquent removal from the Imperial Palace to a hotel was her only reply to the Kaiser's rudeness.

COULDN'T BLAME HIM.

"Why did you beat this man so terribly?" said the judge, indicating the bawdied figure of the plaintiff. "I ask him why a horse had run away, your honor," explained the prisoner, and he told me that it was because the animal had lost his equineity."

"H'm," said the judge. "Discharged."

Quiet Thoughts.

Good advice followed is hard work saved. If you will only learn where you earn, you will soon earn promotion.

Age is not all decay; it is the ripening, the swelling of the fresh life within that withers and bursts the husk.—G. Macdonald.

If one looks up too much at the clouds ore stumbles against stone. Star-gazing is very sweet and elevating, but it is well sometimes to pick up the homely flowers that grow round our feet.

"I have been led to think of Christianity not as a system of doctrine, but as a personal force, behind which, and in which there has one great and inspiring idea which it is the work of personal force to impress upon the life of man."—Philip Brooks.

Not only the change which we call death, but probably the whole of these our mortal life, is only a slow and difficult and painful birth into a higher existence; the very breath we draw is part of the travail of creation towards a yet but partially fulfilled aim.—Dora Greenwell.

Allege Neutrality Was Not
Maintained.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The British and French Ambassadors here have presented separately two notes, formally notifying the United States of their representation to Ecuador and Colombia. No request was made for action on the part of United States, but the hope was expressed that the American Government would be able to impress upon the South American States the value of strict neutrality, in which the American Government has given so signal an example.

The two South American countries are charged with having permitted wireless messages to go to German ships, and allowing the German fleet to coal in their territory.

At the State Department, it was said the British and French notes were not framed in a way to require a reply from the United States, simply calling the attention of the American Government to the alleged offences of Ecuador and Colombia.

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warned by Great Britain and France in emphatic terms that the allies will not countenance further violations of neutrality by these South American states.

At the French Embassy it was said positive proof was in the hands of the French Government. Similarly, the British Government has details of the alleged incidents. It is charged by them that the Galapagos Islands, off the coast of Ecuador, have been used practically as a coaling base for German ships, and that wireless stations in both Ecuador and Colombia have been giving German cruisers news of the whereabouts of the British fleet. In fact, the responsibility for the loss of the British cruisers in the battle off the Chilean coast is laid by British officials to some extent at the door of Ecuador and Colombia.

It was stated by British officials here that no complaint has been made against Chile, Great Britain being satisfied with that country's observance of neutrality.

Has Kaiser Clipped Famous
Moustache?

Copenhagen, Nov. 12.—According to information reaching here the Kaiser has clipped the famous points off his moustache.

For years the military points of the Emperor's moustache have been the envy of every German officer, and the distinguishing mark of the plentiful pictures of the Kaiser. It is not too much to say that the famous moustache has created a fashion amongst German men which has had devotees in every land.

Recently it was reported that the repulses which have been inflicted by the allies upon the German forces have had the effect of causing the Emperor's hair to turn white.

Now that he has lost the points of his moustache it will be difficult for him to be recognized by any outside his personal attendants and confidants. It is said that the effect has been to entirely change the martial appearance of the Kaiser to one of deep depression.

Probably his officers will follow the Imperial example in this, as in other matters, which will add to the perplexities of the Turco and Indian troops amongst the allies who, it is credibly stated, frequently produce in triumph, after their raids upon the enemy's lines, German officers wearing "the Kaiser moustache," and anxiously and hopefully inquire, "Is this he?"

The Excuse.

In an argument against vivisection, Euston Rogers, a Denver scientist, said:

"The champions of vivisection have about as much logic as the youngster in the garden."

Oh, you cruel child! a lady said to a youngster in a garden. "How could you have the heart to cut that worm in two?"

"Well, it—it looked so lonesome," the youngster answered.