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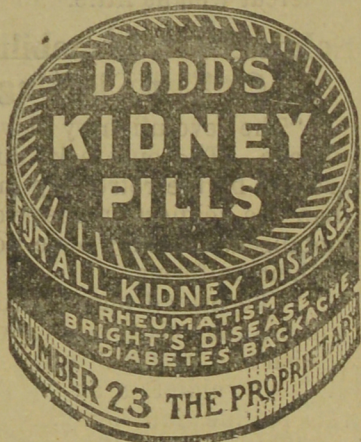
The Junior branch of the Red Cross will hold a tea at Church Hall on Sat. Dec 7th from 5 to 7 o'clock.

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The Department of Agriculture wishes to publish a more complete list of farms for sale during the coming winter. All persons having improved farms for sale are requested to communicate with the Superintendent of Immigration, 108 Prince William St., St. John, N. B.

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# AUSTRIANS WERE ANXIOUS TO CRUSH LITTLE SERBIA

Wished to Forestall the Disruption of Their Own Empire—  
Germany Remained Passive in the Face of Her Ally's Determination to Make War—Great Britain Did Her Utmost to Avert the Great World Conflict—An Interview with the Austrian Foreign Secretary.

Vienna, Dec. 6.—I called at the Halplatz this morning and was received by Dr. Otto Bauer, the new Secretary of Foreign Affairs, to whom I put several direct questions concerning the responsibility for the war. He answered freely.

"Do the documents in the archives of the Foreign office which I understand you are examining," I asked, "furnish any additional proof of German responsibility for the war?"

Dr. Bauer replied that he had had time so far to examine only the diplomatic despatches preceding the ultimatum to Serbia, but he expected to scrutinize later documents dealing with the few fateful days immediately preceding the outbreak of the general war.

"The documents I have read," he said, "are especially interesting to us, in that they disclose the motives that actuated the Serbian ultimatum. They prove that the Austro-Hungarian statesmen of the day wished to forestall the disruption of the Empire which seemed inevitable owing to the unrest of various nationalists and they decided the way to try to avert this tendency toward disruption was by crushing Serbia, as the source of the greatest element of danger. Fear rather than aggression, I suppose, was the main motive behind this last desperate throw of a falling Empire.

"The documents to which I allude do not prove that Germany incited Austria-Hungary to make war, but rather that Germany remained passive in the face of the determination of her Ally to do so, and allowed Austria-Hungary to act as she wished."

"What do the despatches of the Austrian Ambassador in London show I asked.

Dr. Bauer said he had not examined them closely, but he believed they would confirm his view that Great Britain sincerely did its utmost to avoid the war. He added that if the archives should establish guilty responsibility on the part of individual statesmen of the Austrian Empire, the new Austrian Assembly would probably demand that they be placed on trial.

"Unfortunately, three of the Austro-Hungarian statesmen on whom the heaviest accusations rest are out of reach," he added. "Of the chief advisers of the Emperor, Count Tiza and Premier Sturgekh are dead, and the Foreign Minister Berchtold, has fled into Switzerland."

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ers of the old Emperor, Count Tiza and Premier Sturgekh are dead, and the Foreign Minister Berchtold, has fled into Switzerland."

**Favors Austro-German Union**  
"What is the Austrian attitude toward Germany?"

"German Austria cannot stand alone," Dr. Bauer replied. "That would be economically and geographically impossible. The only course seems to be to form a unit of a confederation of the States which made up the old Empire of to become a unit in a confederation of German States. The refusal of various States to join in a unit made up of all parts of the old Empire forces upon us the alternative of a federation of German States."

"This course was viewed coldly when first suggested, but it has gained in favor in the last few weeks. None of the former aversion toward a republican Germany remains. Personally, I can see no danger to European peace in the union of Austria with federated Germany, and I hope the peace conference will give that proposal its sanction."

Austria's suggestions at the peace conference, I gathered from further remarks of the Minister, will comprise the following points:

All questions of disputed territory to be decided by a plebiscite; questions over the division of State property among the several nationalities to be settled by arbitration; sanction to Austria's union with confederated Germany; an outlet for Austria on the Adriatic by means of an international railway or by means of other agencies to be given to German Austria.

## KEITH MADE MILLIONS IN VAUDEVILLE

One of the most remarkable of recent wills is that of Paul Keith who died the other day. Under it the residue of an estate estimated at \$15,000,000 is to be divided equally between Cardinal O'Connell of Boston for charitable and Harvard university for educational purposes.

This great fortune was made almost wholly out of vaudeville by B. F. Keith, the father of Paul, the originator of what has come to be one of the most popular and profitable forms of entertainment.

The elder Keith made his first venture with a trained pig as the piece de resistance of his bill. The venture made money for him, and it strengthened his confidence in an idea he had of appealing to women and children with popular priced shows, in which cleanliness and instruction should be the prime essential.

Vaudeville is the successor of the old-time variety show. But the old-time variety show made its appeal to men, and there was so often a strain of coarseness about it that women seldom and children never were attracted to it. Mr. Keith made it a rule to cater to these latter classes, and so careful was he to exclude anything that might seem offensive to good taste that the Keith theatres, of which there was a string in different cities came to be known among actors as "the Sunday School circuit."

The Keith idea took root, and from it flowed the vast fortune which the son now divides between charity and education. Popular priced vaudeville, which every city boasts, has made fortunes for others than the Keiths. It has changed to a considerable extent from the original entertainment provided by Keith, but always the central idea has been to make it appeal to women and children, and so to be clean.

## TO EXPEL HUN AMBASSADOR

Paris, Dec. 8.—"La Liberté," today prints a despatch from Madrid saying that the new Spanish premier Count Romanones, intends to expel the German Ambassador, Prince Rattibor, and also several members of the German Embassy, who have been notoriously engaged in spying and supporting the anti-dynasty agitation.

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