

GERMAN PRISONERS ARE SOCIAL LIONS

Von Tirpitz's Son and Captain Mueller Meet King and Society.

NATURALIZED TEUTON BANKERS SHUNNED

Though Friends of England, Looked Upon as Traitors to Own Country.

London, April 27.—Personal friendship and business and financial interests are linking together in the most curious and remarkable way Englishmen and Germans.

Among the German prisoners of war in England are officers who number among their English friends not only some of the smartest people in society but people of the greatest prominence in the political world, by whom since their arrival as prisoners they have been constantly entertained.

Lieutenant von Tirpitz, for example, son of the German admiral, has been entertained by Lord Haldane and Mr. Winston Churchill, who are intimate friends of the Tirpitz family. The summer before the war broke out Lieutenant von Tirpitz was the guest in London of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill. Lieutenant von Tirpitz partnered Mrs. Winston Churchill in a lawn tennis tournament at the Queen's Club and with her won the mixed doubles.

Two days after his arrival in England as a prisoner of war he was again Mr. Churchill's guest and later became the guest of Lord Haldane, and has since been the guest of Lord Lansdowne and of a number of people in the smartest society. Another German officer who has become quite a lion in the smartest society is the dashing and sporting Captain von Müller, whose exploits as commander of the Emden gained him the frank admiration of many English naval officers.

Captain von Müller some little while ago met King George at a dinner given at his majesty's special request to enable him to meet the German captain. There were difficulties about asking the captain to the Buckingham Palace, but a member of the royal household invited Captain von Müller to a dinner at his rooms in St. James's Palace, at which his majesty was present; later the German captain became the week-end guest at the country house of one of the wealthiest members of the royal entourage, and among the house party were Mrs. Asquith and the Princess Alexander of Teck.

There are at the present moment at least a dozen German officers in England who are put on parole who certainly cannot complain of the treatment and regard shown them by their "dear friends," as one officer described them in a London club.

Owing to the financial and business considerations, some Germans in England occupy a decidedly curious position. For example there is Sir Felix Schuster; he is chairman of the Union Bank, one of the most conspicuous figures in the financial world, a member of the India Council and a prominent financial adviser to the English Treasury. Sir Felix, though he is a naturalized German citizen, has most intimate friends who are German, his most intimate friends are Germans, he was educated and brought up in Germany, and he has considerable financial interests in Germany.

But by a curious combination of circumstances he is one of the directing forces at the English Treasury. Even more remarkable is the case of Baron Schröder. Baron Schröder is especially and avowedly in sympathy with the country of his birth. The day after the outbreak of war he was arrested; two days later he was liberated and naturalized. His naturalization was decided in the House of Commons by Mr. Lloyd George as an act made necessary by "the requirements of the state," which apparently meant that the baron being so large a holder of Bank of England stock the financial arrangements of the government could not have been carried out unless the baron was granted his liberty and was granted an English citizen.

But the baron with some other Germans in England has been subjected lately to a severe social boycott, for though people in society will entertain and receive German officers who have become prisoners of war, they regard with dislike and suspicion those Germans who to suit their own interests have become naturalized Britons while their sympathies are known to be with their own country.

Among the group of Germans now in England who are subjected to the most rigid social boycott are Sir Ernest Cassel, Sir Edgar Speyer, Sir Carl Meyer and Baron Schröder. They have been excluded from the Marlborough Club, to which they all belong, and their names have been struck off the invitation lists at Buckingham Palace. They were all intimate friends of the late King, and Baron Schröder was an especially intimate friend of King George, but the Court has followed the general feeling existing in English society, and the King and Queen will not now meet any of their former German friends. The royal feeling on the subject was recently expressed in blunt language to Baron Schröder by a member of the State Department. Secretary Bryan will deliver an address.

TOUR FOR PAN-AMERICANS

Delegates to Finance Congress to Visit Eleven Cities.

(From The Tribune Bureau)

Washington, May 6.—Plans for a tour embracing eleven large cities of the Eastern half of the United States by the delegates to the Pan-American Financial Conference, which opened yesterday in Washington, were completed by the Treasury Department to-day. The delegation, headed by President Wilson on May 24, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will preside. On behalf of the State Department, Secretary Bryan will deliver an address.

SEES NEW BECKER CASE

Assistant Prosecutor Draws Parallel in Gaimari Killing.

Indictment of persons prominent in the trial of Becker in connection with the killing of Mike Gaimari, was presented yesterday in the Supreme Court.

Assistant District Attorney Dechanty. This prediction was made during the arraignment of Rocco Carnivale and Frank Plummer, who are charged with paying Gaetano Montegamarte \$25 to shoot Gaimari, one of the lieutenants of ex-Sheriff Tom Foley, Tammany leader of the 2d.

The murder of Gaimari grew out of political rivalries in the 2d Assembly District, where certain of Foley's former followers tried to oust him from the leadership. When Carnivale and Plummer were arraigned yesterday their counsel, Lloyd P. Stryker, asked permission to inspect the minutes of the grand jury.

"More important than Mr. Stryker's legal contentions is this," said the Assistant District Attorney. "These defendants grow out of a situation in this city which more nearly concerns me than the trial. When Carnivale and Plummer were arraigned yesterday their counsel, Lloyd P. Stryker, asked permission to inspect the minutes of the grand jury.

"I say that the interests of justice will be in a most unusual measure prejudiced if the grand jury minutes are made public."

The justice reserved decision.

Extend Time for Deposits.

The bondholders' committee of the New Orleans, Mobile & Chicago Railroad Company announced yesterday that the time for further deposits of the bonds, unsecured debts, including deficiency judgments, and secured debts, and preferred stocks and common stocks had been extended to May 31. It was stated that over eighty-five per cent of the bonds have been deposited.

Lobsters Cheap as Prunes.

From a Correspondent of The Tribune.

Boston, May 6.—So far this week more than 1,000,000 live lobsters have been received from Nova Scotia, glutting the market and breaking the price to 12 cents, the lowest in years and one-third the rate a year ago. Cause—increased cost to ship to London.

WILLIAMS ASKS NEW POWER OVER BANKS

Controller Wants Right to Fine Officers, as Well as Institutions.

RIGGS CASE IN MIND SHOWN IN LETTERS

Request to House Banking Committee Similar to One Turned Down Last Year.

(From The Tribune Bureau)

Washington, May 6.—The right to fine individual officers of banks, as well as the institutions themselves, for just such practices as he charged against the officers of the Riggs National Bank, is being urged by Controller Williams in letters to members of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

A request for this power was made to Congress by Controller Williams in his annual report, submitted last December, but it was ignored.

To strengthen his argument, the Controller has sent the members of the House Committee a copy of his original statement on the Riggs Bank situation, in which he made most of his charges against the bank. That he evidently had the Riggs Bank in mind as far back as the time of making his report is clearly shown by the similarity in language.

His request for power is as follows:

"It is earnestly recommended that the law be so amended as to place it within the power of the Controller's office to penalize by imposition of appropriate fines all infractions and violations of the law and regulations of the office, and it is suggested that these should be imposed upon the offending officials as well as upon the bank. Certain violations of the law and regulations should be punishable with imprisonment as well as a fine, suits to enforce such penalties of course to be instituted by the Department of Justice in the United States courts."

In leading up to this request for such power as the ability to fine an individual officer of a bank for violations of not only the law, but "regulations of the office," meaning the office of the Controller, Mr. Williams declared:

"Among the many abuses and violations of law and regulations with which the department has to contend are excessive loans; overdrafts; loose and unbusinesslike methods of accounting; excessive borrowing by the banks; investment of the bank's funds in securities not authorized by law; charging of usurious rates of interest; unlawful loans on real estate; excessive lending to officers, clerks and employees of the bank employing them; loans to the bank's officers or employees and others through 'dummies'; loaning money directly or indirectly upon the bank's own stock; transaction of a brokerage or commission business by the bank's executive officers, the commission thus collected being sometimes appropriated personally by the officers and sometimes going directly or indirectly to the bank; false statements of directors as to ownership of stock; false statements made by bank officers, such as including as cash or cash items memorandum of money due from one source or another which do not represent actual cash and can not be immediately converted into cash; and failure or refusal when so directed to charge off bad debts and other ascertained losses; delay on the part of directors in taking the oath of office."

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