

## BETTER GUN MEN IN GERMAN ARMY

Kaiser Wants Higher Quality of Marksmanship for His Sea Fighters.

### SHOOTING NOT UP TO THE MARK

Results of Recent Target Practice Show Poorly.

### CHRON DISCIPLINE IS AT FAULT

Individual Thinking Rigidly Stamped Out in Navy.

### HOME RULE TO ALSACE-LORRAINE

Autonomy in Their Local Affairs Will Be Granted Citizens of the Two Colonies Recovered from France.

BY MALCOLM CLARKE.  
BERLIN, April 23.—(Special Dispatch to The Bee.)—The Kaiser and the German naval authorities have become converted to the idea that in order to have a first class navy something more is needed than the finest ships and most powerful guns that human ingenuity can produce.

They have come to a realization sense that the man is of great if not greater importance than the machine if his war fleet is to become a really formidable fighting force.

Recent maneuvers and fleet target practice is responsible for this awakening.

The Kaiser is particularly exercised over the poor marksmanship of his naval gunners.

Even in the newer ships, mounting the latest pattern guns, and equipped with the most modern sighting and ranging appliances, the number of hits scored was very disappointing. The gunnery records of the American and British navies are very eagerly scanned in Berlin, and the Kaiser is asserted to have spoken his mind very strongly upon the poor shooting achieved by his fleet.

### WILL Change System.

As a result, it is probable that the present system of gun training in vogue in the German fleet will be radically altered. It is asserted by those who are in a position to judge that both the gunnery officers and the gun crews themselves are equally at fault. The officers do not seem to exercise sufficient care in ranging their target before giving the order to fire. The captains of the gun crews, for their part, are apt to accept the ranges as given them from the control stations and not to check it for themselves.

The position in the German navy today is this: If Mihlhausen it possesses one of the largest and finest naval bases in the world, and a fleet of any magnitude could be fitted out there and prepared for war with a rapidity that could probably not be equalled by any other yard anywhere. The newer battleships and cruisers now completing for the sea will be fully the equal of any warships yet built, and their guns will likewise challenge comparison with British weapons.

It is the personnel and the system of training that is at fault, and here Germany is surpassed alike by the American, the British and the Japanese. This has been admitted for some time past by many German officers of experience. The same rigid, cast-iron discipline that pervades the German army has been introduced into the navy, and every rank has had its initiative and power of individual thought and decision studiously trampled out of it.

I understand it is the purpose of the Kaiser to detail a number of bright young officers to make a careful study in England, Japan and America of naval discipline and the development of naval gunnery and that sweeping reforms will be made in the German system.

**Home Rule on the Rhine.**  
Alsace-Lorraine will soon be granted home rule, according to belief in best informed circles here. While the people of the Reichland have not in principle accepted the right of Germany to annex their country against its will, the irreconcilables have died out and the autonomists who have replaced them recognize the fact and accomplish and declare that they must form part of the German confederation, they should enjoy the same privileges as the other states. That is to say, that they should have a diet for the enacting of local legislation, should be represented on the federal council of the empire and have a prince or stateholder nominating for life. This would allow Alsace-Lorraine to maintain its national life and traditions, instead of having continual efforts made to crush them out of existence. The imperial government, I understand, have about reached the conclusion that this is the best solution of the question and soon will put a plan of autonomous government into effect.

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### Abbot Called on Roosevelt

BRUSSELS, April 23.—The circumstances surrounding the retirement of Abbot Lawrence Janssens from the post of secretary of the Congregation of Religious Affairs are given in a different light in a report received here, where much interest has been excited because of the fact that the abbot is a Belgian.

According to these reports the secretary did not willingly resign his office until he was summoned by Cardinal Mercier De Val and threatened with dismissal if he did not resign at once.

The abbot's offense is said to have been found in the call which he made on Mr. Roosevelt, following the latter's decision not to visit the pope.

### BELGIAN RULER A JOURNALIST

Identity of Man Who Has Been Writing Anonymous Articles on Economic Subjects.

BRUSSELS, April 23.—(Special Dispatch to The Bee.)—Belgium has lost a very able journalist. For several years an influential Belgian journal has been publishing anonymous articles on economic subjects, which reveal an intimate acquaintance with the world's commerce, and a working knowledge of the principal ports of Europe and America. These contributions have now ceased, and the secret of the articles has been revealed. His Majesty Albert I. has now no time for journalism.

### Mistah Johnson's Parade is Declared Jeffries' Funeral

"What's that procession of automobiles going along over there?" inquired the old-time policeman, as the Johnson party swung into Sixteenth street from Douglas Friday afternoon.

"Hub, don't you all know what dat is?" sniffed a young negro, as he eyed the old-timer with disgust. "Dat's de Jeffries funeral, an' dat big called fellah in the front automobile is de undertaker, w'at will offstage at de obsequies next Ju-dy." with the accent on the last word.

**Mormon Missionaries Expelled.**

Mormon missionaries are not wanted in Germany. The kingdom of Saxony has just expelled five apostles as undesirable aliens. The Mormons have carried on an active propaganda in Europe, and especially in Germany, during the last ten years, and they have induced a number of persons, mostly women, to emigrate to the headquarters of their creed and to adopt their mode of life.

### Physical Training for Children.

A Berlin doctor has just published a volume in which he makes some novel statements with regard to the physical train-

## Omaha Protests Charges to North Coast Unequal

Complaint to Interstate Commerce Commission Other Cities Get Lower Rates.

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high that Omaha shippers cannot compete with grain shippers who are afforded lower rates to that territory.

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## Socialists Are to Control Affairs in Two Continents

Prof. Kautsky Makes Prediction Regarding the Conditions Here Fifty Years Hence.

BEERLIN, April 23.—(Special Cablegram.) Prof. Karl Kautsky, the famous socialist, made the prediction today that within fifty years Europe and America would be ruled by socialists and that Russia would be a republic. The interview granted by Prof. Kautsky followed an article published earlier in the week from his pen, in which he predicted that Germany would soon be under the complete control of men with socialist tendencies.

"The new conditions will mean a cata-

trophe for the existing order of things,"

said he. "I do not mean by that to indicate a social or financial panic of world-wide dimensions, but merely to say that political conditions will be uprooted."

"No one can question the wonderful ad-

vance of socialism in both Europe and

America. Twenty years ago the tide was

to confuse the world with a mad form of

anarchy and this view was propagated by

the fog of socialism. People have been

educated and they know better now."

"The socialists must move conservatively.

As one eminent socialist in America said

recently, "Socialism is on trial before the

world. A blunder now will set socialism

back twenty years. As we gain strength and converts we must carry out our propo-

gandas with general force."

"Capitalists fear, or profess to fear the approach of socialism. Indeed, it would be better for capital, if socialism were the prevailing power.

"Conditions breed socialism just as much

as the party spreads its own strength.

Within fifty years Russia will be a re-

public and eventually it will be a socialis-

tic one, although that may be very far

in the future."

**George Carter**, 1206 N. 28  
**Charles H. Webb**, 3701 N. 28  
**Edgar Heel**, 116 N. 28  
**John L. Miller**, 116 N. 28  
**W. L. Jaeger**, N. Y. Life  
**William M. Wheeler**, Lincoln  
**T. C. Hall**, Council Bluffs  
**Midwest Lumber Co.**, Omaha  
**Ruth McPherson**, 211 N. 28  
**Victor L. Graham**, 675 N. 28  
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**M. C. Cunningham**, 479 N. 28  
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**Max Fierman**, 315 N. 28  
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**E. Stevenson**, South Omaha  
**William Bullock**, York  
**A. S. Collins**, Fort Omaha  
**V. C. Sunblad**, Loomis

**G. W. Winship**, 281 Franklin  
**D. F. Allen**, General Delivery  
**Julia Allen**, 195 Dodge  
**Charles C. Clegg**, 116 Franklin  
**Emil Mohr**, 116 Franklin  
**W. V. Smith**, 3415 Boyd  
**H. B. Sherwood**, Oxford  
**R. C. Clegg**, 116 Franklin  
**Alfred Benson**, 116 Franklin  
**Ralph Wyman**, 315 California  
**Zora Conard**, 1015 Webster  
**John W. Green**, 116 Franklin  
**Samie Augustin**, Oberlin  
**J. W. Swan**, University Place  
**C. C. Clegg**, 116 Franklin  
**F. O. Clegg**, Fremont  
**J. P. O'Connor**, Fremont  
**C. C. Straube**, 112 Dorcas  
**C. B. Walters**, Blue Hill  
**Benjamin Clegg**, 116 Franklin  
**Roy J. Hill**, 315 Burdette  
**Matilda Donat**, Plattsmouth  
**Charles Welland**, Lemars  
**C. C. Clegg**, 116 Franklin  
**Charles Crowley**, Fremont  
**M. A. Kirschman**, Wahoo  
**Henry Schulze**, Lyons  
**W. H. Weller**, 116 Franklin  
**M. C. Peterson**, South Omaha  
**W. C. Green**, 305 Franklin  
**E. H. Cochran**, Danver

## BALLINGER TO BE VICTIM OF PLOT?

Conspiracy Involving Gifford Pinchot and Subordinates Alleged by Defense.

GEORGE OTIS SMITH ON STAND

Tells of Conversation with Acting Forester Price.

REPEATS STATEMENT OF LATTER

"We Like You, but We Do Not Like Your Chief."

FURTHER PLOTTING AVERRED

Witness Quotes Him as Saying, "If We Don't Get Him, Ballinger, One Way We Will Another."

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## Last Week in Omaha



Local Events as They Appear to The Bee's Artist.

## AT THE BIER OF MARK TWAIN

Successor to Take Up Work of Dead Humorist.