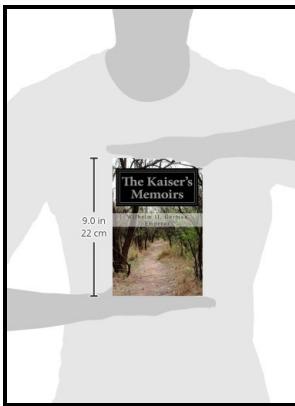


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Family tree of German monarchs

The above-mentioned standpoint of the Foreign Office brought it to a certain extent into conflict with the General Staff and the Admiralty Staff, who uttered warnings, as was their duty, and wished to make preparations for defense. Recently I read the unfortunately not entirely unjustified words : In Germany every Siegfried has his Hödur behind him.

Wilhelm II. Die Jugend des Kaisers 1859

Among them Professor Clemen, Curator of the Rhine Province, especially distinguished himself and reported to me, when I was at the front, on the protection of art treasures.

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The apparent solidity and thoroughness of his reports and suggestions, the illuminating treatment of the matters reported upon from every angle, the references to experts, to foreign and native statesmen and diplomats, etc. The outcome of the treacherous malady which killed Emperor Frederick III was frankly told me in advance by German physicians called into consultation as experts by the English physician, Sir Morell Mackenzie. The Chancellor drew up the text of the proclamation at Hamburg, in agreement with the chief of the Cabinet and myself; he proposed that the method of voting be left open for the time being, since he was not yet quite sure about this.

KAISER'S MEMOIRS

He wanted to remain in Berlin until the crisis was resolved, but his courtiers persuaded him instead to go on his annual cruise of the North Sea on 6 July 1914. Matters had, in fact, developed gradually to such a stage that Holstein conducted a good part of our foreign affairs.

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But the lord of the land must always bear in mind the welfare of the whole nation; therefore, I went my way unswervingly. This vote showed me

once more the absolute domination exerted by the Chancellor over his Ministers.

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There was one exception to this—a representative of the National Liberals, Herr von Benda—a man still in the full bloom of youth. Then, finally, the Imperial Chancellor took a hand. In such a case one is forced to deal constantly with old deserving men, who live more in the past than in the present, and cannot grow into the future.

Γουλιέλμος Α' της Γερμανίας

This is more than could have been expected.

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This meant all the more since my statements could not have been agreeable to my grandfather and the Chancellor. Wilhelm replied that he would not open his reign with a bloody campaign against his subjects. Among the statesmen who, besides Poincaré, particularly helped unleash the World War, the Sazonov-Isvolsky group probably should take first rank.

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