

NAPOLEON, As Seen by His Associates

"I AM SLAPPING A KING"

XI.
NAPOLEON took himself seriously as a world potentate, a modern Alexander in Europe, but to the onlooker who had no unguarded crown in the pathway of the conqueror the situation on the continent 100 years ago must have suggested royal opera bouffe. It was said that every private soldier in the army of France carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack. In the same sense Napoleon carried on the march a bunch of crowns tied to the saddlebow and handed them out as prizes to the latest favorites.

Marshal Murat, ex-private and ex-hostler and ex-walter as well, attained the baton in the course of things, meanwhile wedding the emperor's sister. Suddenly Murat was missed at the head of his corps, and the soldiers of other commands not in the secret asked his old followers whether their leader had been cashiered or exiled or shot, for brilliant soldier though he was, Murat was not a stranger to imperial discipline. "No; only promoted to king of Naples," was the offhand reply. Nothing unusual about that. The crown of Naples was the sixth that Napoleon had dragged into the family in the space of four years.

When I went to see the king of Prussia, instead of a library I found he had a large room, like an arsenal, furnished with shelves and pegs, in which were placed 50 or 60 jackets of various modes. Every day he changed his fashion and put on a different one.

"At Jena, his army performed the finest and most showy maneuvers possible, but I soon put a stop to their coglionerie (silliness) and taught them that to fight and to execute dazzling maneuvers and wear splendid uniforms were very different affairs. If," added he, "the French army had been commanded by a tailor the king of Prussia would certainly have gained the day from his superior knowledge in that art."

"There, at Tilsit, I made a grave mistake. I should have removed the king of Prussia from the throne. I hesitated an instant, feeling sure that the czar, Alexander, would not oppose it provided I did not take full possession of the kingdom of Prussia. I should have decreed that the house of Hohenzollern had ceased to reign, because at the time of the definitive treaty (which surrendered half the Prussian domain to France) that would have been perfectly simple."

"A little Hohenzollern on the staff of Balthier asked me to seat him on the throne. I should certainly have put



NAPOLEON IN THE COSTUME OF A MOUNTED CHASSEUR.

The long wished for and long deferred birth of a son and heir to Napoleon happened just when the stock of surplus crowns had been exhausted, so one was created for the emergency by a bit of fiction and the babe in swaddling clothes solemnly christened and crowned king of Rome. The emperor romped and played like the average middle class father with his hopeful firstborn, and one such scene in particular was preserved to history in the memoirs of Mme. de Remusat.

One day at breakfast, when, as was often the case, Talma, the actor, had been admitted to Napoleon's apartment, the little king of Rome was brought to him. Says Mme. de Remusat:

"The emperor took the child on his knee and, far from caressing, amused himself by slapping him, though not so as to hurt him; then, turning to Talma, he said, 'Talma, tell me what I am doing.' Talma, as may be supposed, did not know what to say. 'You do not see it,' continued the emperor; 'I am slapping a king.'"

At that date Napoleon had become an adept at slapping kings of his own stature—that is, threatening them, humbling them and making or unmaking them at will. And his opinion of the divine right sovereigns around him was far from complimentary, as may be judged from his own words.

Asked at St. Helena if his old enemy, the king of Prussia, was a man of talent, Napoleon burst into a fit of laughter, and exclaimed: "Who? The king of Prussia? He is a man of talent! The greatest blockhead on earth; an ignorant without talent or knowledge. He cannot hold a conversation for five minutes."

"When," continued Napoleon, "I was at Tilsit with the Emperor Alexander and the king of Prussia I was the most ignorant of the three in military affairs. These two sovereigns, especially the king of Prussia, were completely no fault as to the number of buttons there ought to be in front of a jacket, how many behind and the manner in which the skirts ought to be cut. Not a tailor in the army knew better than King Frederick how many measures of cloth it took to make a jacket. In fact," continued he, laughing, "I was nobody in comparison with them."

him there if he had been a descendant of Frederick, but his branch had been separated for 300 years from the elder one, and I believed in the protestations lavished upon me by the Prussian king."

With the same nonchalance he discussed the fate of Francis of Austria, whom he also had at his mercy after Austerlitz.

"It only rested with me," said he, "to have deposed both the king of Prussia and the emperor of Austria. When I was at Schoenbrunn the Duke of Wursburg frequently insinuated to me that the only means to secure the good faith of Austria would be to depose his brother Francis and place the crown on his head. These offers were repeated to me afterward through a minister, with an offer of his son as hostage, who should be placed as my aid-de-camp, with every other possible guarantee. I reflected upon it for some time, but the marriage with Maria Louisa put a stop to any further consideration on the subject. I was wrong in not having accepted of it. Nothing would have been easier to execute."

Napoleon's first essay at creating royalty took place under the consulate, and the beneficiary was the obscure offspring of some Italian duke. Before setting out for his new realm, the princeling visited the consular court, and his uncrowned master bluntly declared him a fool. Says Bourrienne:

"One day after the first consul had spent several hours in company with this king and his consort he said to me: 'I am quite tired. He is a mere automaton. I put a number of questions to him, but he can answer none. He is obliged to consult his wife, who makes him understand as well as she is able what he ought to say.' The first consul added, 'The poor prince will set off tomorrow without knowing what he is going to do.' I observed that it was a pity to see the happiness of the people of Tuscany intrusted to such a prince. Bonaparte replied, 'Policy requires it. Besides, the young man is not worse than the usual run of kings.'"

GEORGE L. MILLER.

Next week's letter will be on Napoleon as Seen by His Military Associates.



McDonald's Nut Sundae--

Another new one, 'twill be ready for the market August 15. The style of package and name is being registered.

THE GREAT JULY SALE OF Muslin Underwear

Starts Monday, July 11th, at 8 a.m.

IT WILL BE THE GREATEST SALE THIS OR ANY OTHER STORE EVER INAUGURATED. THE LOW PRICE FEATURES ARE MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN EVER BUT QUALITY REIGNS SUPREME.

THERE'LL BE VALUES greater than you've ever conceived of. Because of the exceedingly low prices quoted we do not want you to think that we have sacrificed one iota in the quality of the Garments offered. They combine that rare union of ECONOMY with HIGH STANDARD of QUALITY. Whose attainment is the Triumph of the Most Progressive Merchandising. Stocks are Enormous. No matter how many people swarm to this Sale, all will be amply accommodated. Everything is New, Fresh and Best. Every Garment is made along the most approved lines. No skimping in sizes—Perfect Materials—Superior Workmanship—Full Sizes—All prices from one-third to one-half less than ordinary. To make choosing easy we have Grouped, Classified and Displayed on Special Tables in our Main Center Aisle and Muslin Underwear Section SIX GREAT SPECIAL LOTS AS FOLLOWS:

To Prevent Dealers Purchasing, we reserve the right to limit quantities.

TABLE No. 1.
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10c

Not an item in this lot worth less than double, and some treble the price marked.

CHILDREN'S DRAWERS with hem on bottom, headed by tuck, sizes 1 to 3, to fit children up to 6 years, splendid 25c value, on sale at 10c

INFANTS' SLIPS, well sewed, made of good cambric, with ruffle on neck, and sleeves, go in this sale at 10c

LADIES' CORSET COVERS, two styles to choose from, either high round or V shaped neck; made of good cambric, embroidered, trimmed all sizes, on sale in this lot at 10c

CHILDREN'S SKIRTS with waist in three sizes, to fit children up to 6 years, this sale price is much less than cost of material, 10c

CHILDREN'S JEAN WAISTS, strongly made, with double row of buttons, sizes to fit children up to 6 years at 10c

TABLE No. 3.
Main Center Aisle at-per Garment—

25c

These Values Are Greater Than Any You Ever Conceived of.

LADIES' NIGHT GOWNS, liberally cut and well made of good muslin, three styles, to choose from, all with double back yoke, front yoke, plain or embroidery trimmed, hemstitched ruffle on neck and sleeves, all sizes, on sale at 25c

CHILDREN'S NIGHT GOWNS, made of extra quality muslin with double back yoke and front yoke of fine tucks, all sizes, on sale at 25c

LADIES' DRAWERS, two styles, made of extra quality muslin with top tucked ruffle, open or closed, all sizes, on sale at 25c

MISSIES' DRAWERS, of best muslin with deep hemstitched ruffle, sizes to fit girls up to 14 years, on sale at 25c

LADIES' SHORT SKIRT, in all lengths, made full width of good muslin, trimmed with deep hemstitched ruffle 25c

MISSIES' SKIRT with deep hem and tucks, all sizes positively the greatest bargain at this sale price, 25c

CHILD'S SKIRT with waist, made of fine lawn, all sizes, sale price, 25c

LADIES' CHEMISE, in all sizes, made of extra quality muslin with ruffle around neck and arm holes, sale price, each, 25c

LADIES' CORSET COVERS, in five nobby styles, lace or embroidery trimmed, tight fitting or with draw string, all sizes, sale price, each, 25c

Clearing Women's Waists!

75c For \$1.50 colored lawn waists, tucked front and back; insertion trimmed—a very special waist bargain.

\$1.15 For \$2.00 white lawn waists, made in the greatest effect, extra full sleeves, embroidered front.

\$1.65 For \$2.50 Persian Lawn Waists, full assortment of neat, pretty styles—sizes 32, 34 and 36.

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TABLE No. 5.
In Underwear Section at-per Garment—

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A Rare Gathering of the Most Remarkable Values.

LADIES' NIGHT GOWNS—Five nobby styles, each prettier than its neighbor, made of best Muslin or the Cambric, all elegantly trimmed in lace or embroidery; come in high neck and long sleeves or low neck and short sleeves; better than any \$1.25 Gown in the city, sale price, 75c

LADIES' EXTRA SIZE GOWNS for stout women, made of best Muslin with yoke of fine tucks and embroidery insertion, and edged with hemstitched ruffle on neck and sleeves, sizes 17 to 19, sale price, 75c

LADIES' CORSET COVERS, made of fine Cambric, with deep umbrella ruffle, trimmed in embroidery, torchon lace, hemstitching and tucks, all lengths, made full width and with extra dust ruffle, sale price, 75c

LADIES' SKIRTS, made of extra quality Muslin, with deep umbrella ruffle, trimmed in embroidery, torchon lace, hemstitching and tucks, all lengths, made full width and with extra dust ruffle, sale price, 75c

LADIES' CORSET COVERS, made of fine Cambric, five styles to choose from in this lot; they are most elegantly trimmed in Lace or Embroidery and can't be duplicated for less than \$1.25, 75c

LADIES' SKIRT CHEMISE, made of fine Cambric, Torchon Lace trimmed yoke, neck, arm holes, and ruffle on bottom, sizes 34 to 44, sale price, 75c

LADIES' DRAWERS, made of best Muslin, fine Cambric or good quality Nainsook, four styles, trimmed in Torchon or Paris Point Lace or Embroidery; all sizes, open or closed, sale price, 75c

TABLE No. 6.
In Underwear Section at-per Garment—

\$1.00

An Exceedingly Attractive Line, containing values worth double the price named.

LADIES' SKIRTS, made with extra dust ruffle and deep flounce, trimmed in deep embroidery, Paris point or Torchon lace, 4 pretty styles to choose from, all lengths, \$2.00 values, sale price, \$1.00

LADIES' SHORT SKIRTS of finest cambric, trimmed in Paris point lace edging and insertion, deep embroidery, headed by tucks, sizes 25 to 31, sale price, \$1.00

LADIES' NIGHT GOWNS, 6 popular styles, made of muslin, cambric, nainsook, and trimmed in lace or fine embroidery, all sizes in every style, you'll certainly want some of these at the sale price of \$1.00

LADIES' EXTRA SIZE NIGHT GOWNS, made of best quality muslin, with yoke of 4 rows of embroidery insertion and fine tucks, with embroidery ruffle on neck and sleeves, Sale price, \$1.00

LADIES' SKIRT CHEMISE, made of fine nainsook, with embroidery heading, at waist, yoke and arm holes trimmed in Torchon lace and lace trimmed ruffle on bottom, all sizes, sale price, \$1.00

LADIES' DRAWERS of extra fine cambric or soft finished nainsook, elegantly trimmed in Paris point lace or the deep Swiss embroidery, \$1.00 all sizes, open or closed, Sale price, \$1.00

LADIES' CORSET COVERS, made of very fine nainsook, trimmed in fine lace or embroidery, there are 5 styles in this lot to choose from, all sizes. Sale price \$1.00

Highest Grade MUSLIN Underwear!

At the regular underwear counter at yet Greater Savings than the cheaper kinds. A few of the many unusual offerings:

Ladies extra fine Nainsook Gown elegantly trimmed in Embroidery Medallions, Edging and Insertion all sizes \$4.25 \$3.00

Ladies Skirt of fine Cambric with 16-inch deep Lawn Umbrella ruffle trimmed in 3 rows of 1 1/2 inch wide Torchon Lace Insertion and 3 inch edging all lengths a \$2.25 skirt at \$1.35

Ladies Skirt Chemise of fine Cambric trimmed with 2 rows of wide Torchon lace Insertion and hemstitching and lace edged on neck and arm holes, with 2-inch wide garter and 3-inch edging on bottom, all sizes, \$2.25 value for this sale each \$1.35

Ladies' gown of very fine nainsook, with yoke of open worked embroidery insertion and fine tucks with neck and sleeves trimmed in finest swiss embroidery, all sizes, \$3.00 values at \$2.00

Ladies' skirt, made of finest cambric with 20-inch deep lawn flounce, headed by ribbon drawn heading and trimmed in two rows of 1 1/2-inch wide embroidery insertion, and 6-inch ruffle, all lengths, a beautiful \$7.00 skirt at \$4.95

Ladies' Skirt of very finest nainsook with 20 inch deep flounce, headed by tucks and trimmed in 14 inch deep finest Swiss embroidery and narrow insertion, an elegant \$9.00 skirt at \$5.95

Ladies' gown of very fine nainsook, with yoke of open worked embroidery insertion and fine tucks with neck and sleeves trimmed in finest swiss embroidery, all sizes, \$3.00 values at \$2.00

Ladies' nainsook corset cover, trimmed in swiss embroidery insertion and edging and embroidered Medallions, all sizes, very elegant at \$1.35

Ladies' kimona gown of very fine cambric, elegantly trimmed in open worked embroidery insertion, all sizes, \$2.75 value, sale price \$1.65

Ladies' drawers of finest cambric, trimmed in Paris point lace, embroidery insertion and tucks, open or closed, all sizes, \$2.00 sale price \$1.40

A SALE OF INFANTS' FURNISHINGS

In Connection With Our Great Muslin Underwear Sale.

NO NEED to go into detail, suffice it to say that every item in our INFANTS' WEAR DEPARTMENT, be it Long or Short Dress, Long or Short Coat, Knitted or Cashmere Jacket, Infants' Cap or Bonnet, Flannel, Cambric or Nainsook Skirt—anything and everything in this popular department is marked down during this sale to less—much less—than cost of production. It's a rare saving opportunity. You can clothe baby at A SAVING OF ONE-THIRD TO ONE-HALF OFF REGULAR PRICES.

Boys' Clothing

And Gents' Furnishing Dept. GENTS' FINE BALBRIGGAN UNDERWEAR, all sizes, regular 50c grade, will sell this week for, per garment—

35 cts.

BOYS' BLOUSE WAISTS, with large sailor collars, our regular 50c values, this week for—

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Our Shoe Dept.

For one week only—GROVERS' hand sewed, 3 point house slippers, very flexible, and positively \$1.50 values. SPECIAL CUT PRICE—

\$1.00.

Child's Kid Shoes, lace and button, hand-turned and very flexible. Positively \$1.00 values, SPECIAL CUT PRICE—

75 cts.

WASH GOODS DEPT.

MONDAY, from 9 to 12 O'Clock.

SPECIAL!

FAST BLACK LACE STRIPED LAWN, REGULAR PRICE 20c.

For the above three hours, limit 12 yards to a customer, at (per yard) 10c