

GERMAN OFFICERS IN QUEER DILEMMA

They Give a Ball and Are Taxed By the Municipality for "Rejoicing."

TERRIFIC STORM IN TEACUP.

They Refuse to Pay \$2 Tax and Their General and the War Department Uphold Them.



municipality served the regiment with legal papers. The regiment appeal-ed to the divisional commander and he to the general commanding the Fifth Army corps, in which district is Sagan. Both these authorities up-held the officers. The matter was finally leid before the minister of war at the war department in Berlin and he also decided in favor of the officers. The matter was taken by the muni-cipal council, after a long and stormy debate, before the county committee. The latter decided in favor of the municipality. - TAKEN TO COURTS.

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- TAKEN TO COURTS. So the matter was rushed before a learned judge in the courts and he also decided in favor of the town authorities. The officers have plended that it was by the special command of the kaiser that they made themselves proficient in dancing and that it is the army shall dance and mingle socially with civilians of their own rank, as much as possible. The claim, there-fore, that dancing was almost a sac-red duty and that ballroom or danc-ng has been practically made a part of their regular army duty by the kaiser's special orders. They further claim that if they paid the tax, they would virtually be paying for the privilege of performing their duty, which of course, they say, would be absurd.

Essentially World's Best Paid Lady's Maid

Who Has Served a Queen For Forty-four Years and Not for a Single Night During That Time Have the Hon. Charlotte Knollys and Queen Alexandra of England Slept Under Different Roofs-She Gets \$5,000 a Year Besides Private "Emoluments" and is Lodged Like a Princess.

Special Correspondence. ONDON, July 8. -- "Elizabeth Knollys, lady's maid to Mrs. Al-

bert E. Wettin." Such an entry would be quite correct if one descended from the es-

tate of royalty to the commonplace. How the glitter of royal courts changes things! It is writ on the records that the Honorable Charlotte Knollys (pronounced "Knowles") is bedchamber woman to Her Majesty Queen Alaxandra.

Because the mistress is royal the position becomes one of honor instead of servility. Yet one cannot get away from the fact that Miss Knollys is to to marry, and on the marriage re-ceives \$5,000 from the crown. MARTYR TO DUTY.

MARTYR TO DUTY. Queen Elizabeth stormed and raved at Lady Anne of Rutland in similar circumstances, and other queens here and there have followed suit. Alex-andra did not, yet she urged the wo-man who had become so valuable to her not to marry for awhile. And when a year and then two had passed the lovers became impatient. Alex-andra was once more appealed to. From that interview came Miss Knol-lys pledged to serve her mistress alone, her dream of love ended, a martyr to duty.

Wears later the man married. Re-cently he died. Charlotte Knollys's reward? Well, Charlotte Knollys's reward? Well, she has been raised to the rank of a baron's daughter. And yet by right of birth she is the daughter of an carl. That is one of the strange ro-mances of the Knollys family.

same age as the queen-63. Neither looks it—which perhaps proves that Miss Khollys is a past mistress in the arts of the tollet. She was christen-ed Elizabeth Charlotte, but the queen disliked the name Elizabeth and elect-ed to call her Charlotte. It is not generally known that one of tho names of the queen herself is Char-lotte,

names of the queen herself is Char-lotte. In appearance Miss Knollys is somewhat taller, somewhat stouter, and, I regret to say it, not so good looking as her royal mistress. Yet she has one of those round, genial countenances which attract and please. Miss Knollys possesses many accomplishments. She is a marvei-ous linguist and can converse fluently in nearly every European language. She is also a born musician, and an excellent raconteur of good stories.

courtiers bent low. Suddenly the shrill voice of the queen broke the dignified silence. What she said was startling, yet the well-trained courtiers kept their countenances as if made of marble. The queen was very angry. "Oh, Charlotte!" she cried, "you have forgotten my garter!" Miss Knollys gave one glance, then rushed up stairs. In a few minutes she returned breathlessly, bearing in her hand the broad blue ribbon of the Order of the Garter with its flashing diamond star. The queen was invested with this, the carriages were quickly entered and the procession started---10 minutes late. Because this is Miss Knollys' only known mistake much has been made of it.

it. By no means the most valuable but certainly the most interesting collection extant of personal mementos of sover-eigns and other royal personages is owned by Charlotte Knollys. Begin-ning with childish gifts she has received from her hosts of personal friends among the great ones of Europe regu-larly on her birthday and at Christmas for 44 years, presents from flowers and signed photographs to golden and jew-sled greasures. This collection will make a museum of priceless heirlooms for the Knollys family.



William Le Queux, the Novelist, Accompanied by Explorer Harry de Windt.

TO ATTEMPT LONG JOURNEY.

Will Undertake 2,800 Mile Sled Trip Across Frozan Fields of Europe's **Unexplored Territory**:

orresp ONDON, July 11 .-- William Le Queux, whose novels and other works are known to most people. has an insatiable appetite for adventures and experiences that can be turned to profitable account. Though he writes fletion, mostly, it is fletion founded on real life. In search of material he has traveled far and roughed it in all sorts of risky places. Still he clamors for fresh material-something that no other fellow has yet got hold 01.

ERLIN, July 5 .--- There is again trouble in the German army. In D a short time as the story becomes public, the laughter that

the Captain of Koepenick created will

find an echo, of sorts. There is stationed at Sagan in Prussia, proper, the fifth regiment of artillery. Very recently the officers airanged a ball. It was a great so-clety affair, quite the event of the

day following the ball the The municipal tax collector called on the colonel commanding the Fifth and requested payment of 10 marks, equiv-alent to \$2. When asked for an ex-planation he said that that was the amount of "duty" on "rejoicings." What the colonel told the collector is not recorded but the tax was not neid

planation he said that that was the amount of "duty" on "rejolcings." What the colonel told the collector is not recorded but the fax was not paid. "REJOICING DUTY." In Germany practically everything is taxed, largely for the support of the enormous army. The municipal-ity of Sagan is not behind the times and has a special tax called "rejoic-ing dut," It is collected on every kind of social gathering from christ-enings to dances, concerts, at homes, piculies and even funerals, if in the last hamed cases there is a feast for mourners and friends. HE WANTED TWO DOLLARS. So naturally the town collector wanted \$2 for the big military ball. And when, officially and in writing, the offi rs refused to pay it, the MEADOLAL TO CANADIAN TROOPERS.

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The beautiful work of art shown in the cut was unveiled recently at Montreal. It is a memorial to the 600 troopers who fell in the war against the Beers, a body of picked men sent to the frent by Lord Strathcona. This equestrian statue is of bronze and cost \$32,000. It is the design of George Wil-ham Wall and is sixteen feet in height.

all intents and purposes the queen of England's "maid," as well as her dearest friend and confidential companion recently Charlotte Knollys Ouite

MUNICIPALITY'S DILEMMA.

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ment affair. NO SOLUTION.

panion. Quite recently Charlotte Knollys completed her forty-fourth year in this position. Nightly for forty-four years she has slept under the same roof as her mistress and daily in that lifetime has she tended her and her many wants so carefully and so faithfully that at the royal palaces she has long had the nickname of "The Shadow." No one need envy Miss Knollys her job. Yearly it grows more difficul. The queen is a most exacting woman. With age her infirmities are increasing. She has a temper. Most queens have. But the public do not, know that the queen's deafness has made her a trifle irritable and that were it not for the tact of Charlotte Knollys life at the various royal palaces would be, for the queen's household, strenuous at times. Miss Knollys is Alexandra's good angel. She is the genial buffer between the queen and outside person-ages, not even leaving out jovial Ed-med VII not even leaving out jovial Edward VII.

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SHE GETS BOARD AND LODGING. Of course, Miss Knollys has board and lodging and servants and all such things free at Bucklingham palace, Windsor castle and Sandringham, and wherever the queen may go a-visiting. While she is the costilest "lady's maid" in all the wide world, I doubt if her emoluments, the splendor of her surroundings, the homage of great courtiers and greater society dames, the constant basking in the rays of royalty compensate Charlotte Knollys for all her work and all her sacrifices of the past forty-four years and--there are yet years to come. SACRIFICE OF LOVE.

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BACRIFICE OF LOVE. The greatest sacrifice of this young-old woman was the sacrifice of love, at the repeated urgings of her royal matches she gave up the man she loved and the man who loved her. It was her only romance. And it has been a life-iong romance. The man was a minor courtier attached to the household of the king when the latter was Prince of Wales. The romance began on the crouget lawn of Mariborough House. Miss Knollys was then mail of homor. The other members of the house-hold looked on and smilled as the love inter feet and asked her gracious per-mission to marry. Each mail is obliged to ask her royal mistress' permission

VALIANT ANCESTORS.

VALIANT ANCESTORS. The family traces back some 900 years. The most noteworthy of Miss Knollys' ancestors was Sir Robert, the valiant knight, who won his gol-den spurs on the field of battle and who died exactly 500 years ago, in 1407. The family has a tradition for personal service to the soverign, for Sir William Knollys was treasurer of the household of Queen Elizabeth. He was also her confidential adviser in many important matters. He receiv-ed many honors from his mistress. She made him a Knight of the Garter, then Baron Knollys, then Viscount Wallingford, and finally Earl of Ban-bury. His reputed son, Edward, was killed in a duel, and a brother Nich-olas inherited the family honors. He also sat in the Convention parlia-ment. The eighth Earl of Banbury was the last of that title. He was a general in the army, commanded the Scots Guards and was governor of

was the had of that the. He was a general in the army, commanded the Scots Guards, and was governor of Limerick. Just '94 years ago the house of lords passed a resolution that he had no proper claim to the title, and 'so he relinquished it. His son bore the courtesy title of Viscount Wallingford until he was 15, when came the lords' objection. He then began to carve out titles for him-self. He commanded like his father, the Scots Guards, rose to the rank of general, and wound up by being the Right Hon. Sir William Knollys, K. C. B., P. C. D. C. L. He was the father of Charlotte Knollys and of the present Lord Knollys, the priv-ate secretary and righthand man of King Edward. King Edward.

King Edward. It was Sir William Knollys who was entrusted with the formation of Aldershot camp, one of the greatest military centers of the world. Later military centers of the world. Later he was appointed treasurer and comp-troller of the household of the Prince of Wales. Queen Victoria made the appointment and so brought the Knollys once more into the personal service of the royal family. Sir Wil-liam's second son, Francis, now Lord Knollys, was made a Gentleman Ush-er to Queen Victoria, then a Quarter-iv waiter and next a groom-in-wait er to Queen Victoria, then a Quarter-ly walter, and next a groom-in-wait-ing to the Prince of Wales. Eliza-beth Charlotte, Sir William's eldest daughter, at the early age of 18, be-came an extra woman of the bed-chamber to the princess. Francis Knollys became assistant socrefary and finally private secretary to the prince. His father since dead, left the household to become genileman usher of the Black Rod and later re-ceiver general of the Duchy of Corn-wall. wall

Charlotte Knollys from the "extra" ranks graduated to a full-fiedged wo-man of the bedchamber just 37 years ago

There are others of the family in royal service, for another brother, Col, Henry Knollys, is comptroller of the household and private secretary to the queen of Norway, one of King Edward's daughters. Then the Hon. E. G. W. T. Knollys, the young son and heir of Lord Knollys, is a page of honor to the king, and at the first court held at Buckingham palace, this month, the Hon. Louvima Knollys, Lord Knollys's daughter, was present. ed by her mother, and will fill the va-cancy as maid of hong't to the queen. There's nothing like kdeping the good lobs in the family. Charlotte Knollys is practically the There are others of the family in

excellent raconteur of good stories. She is great at gossip, a wonderful conversationalist and a brilliant wit. She is an epicure in everything from

art to eating. And she is called by those who know her the most tact-ful woman in the world. There is lit-tle wonder that Alexandra keeps such a treasure with her always.

SAVED QUEEN'S LIFE.

Some years ago Miss Knollys saved the Queen's life. There was a fire at Sandringham in the Queen's apart-ments. Miss Knollys rushed through the smoke and flame, before the general

the smoke and flame, before the general alarm had been given, and dragged the queen from her bed to safety.' For this she was at a special and public care-money at Buckingham palace presented by the king with a medal specially struck and inscribed. Yet it is not because of all this that the queen and Miss Knollys are insep-arable and have not slept under differ-ent roofs in 44 years. The real reason has been a secret of secrets, and one which all women readers will thorough-by understand and appreciate. ly understand and appreciate,

QUEEN WEARS A WIG.

As a good many know, the queen wears, like Mr. Rockefeller, a wig, or as it is called in polite society, toupee. The color of these toupees is practically the 'same-a light auburn, or perhaps one might better call it chestnut. They are made by the court peruquier under the personal direction of Miss Knollys. Most beautifully do they fit and, it is said at court, that no one else could put them on so perfectly as Charlotte Knollys. ENAMEL EXPERT.

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Then, also, the queen found that the ravages of years were not discernible if enamel was used on the face. Hosts of society women enamel, so why should not a queen? In putting on this should not a queen? In putting on this enamel one must be an artist. Miss Knollys is a great artist. Her handi-work, to be seen daily, is one of the triumphs of centuries. And there are other secrets of the inmost sanctuary of the queen's chamber which alone Miss Knollys knows.

Miss Knollys is the only woman not, related to the queen who calls her, "Alix." In turn the queen calls Miss Knollys "Chatty." In fact, all the roy-alties, from the king to the youngest princeling, call her that, and she is pos-sibly the only woman not of royal rank who calls practically all the great roya-ties by their Christian or nicknames. She has known most of them intimately since they were children.

held to blame.

FORGOT HER GARTER.

FORGOT HER GARTER. At the royal opening of parliament two years ago the king and queen were procession was ready to start. The yard of Buckingham palace was filled with state carriages, guard of honor, sovereign's escort of life guards and in the vast hall of the palace was gathered a host of state officials, s-glitter with scarlet and gold, waiting for the king and queen. Sharp on time the king and queen. Sharp on time the king and his gorgeous sufte came down the marble stops. The queen, with her boyy of women followed. The waiting

COLLECTION OF MEMENTOS.

Take it all in all, Miss Knolly's po-sition at court is unique. A duchess is mistress of the robes, marchionesses and countesses are ladjes of the bed-chamber, countesses and baronesses are bedchamber women and daughters of beited earls are maids of honor. And yet over all these Charlotte Knollys, although she does not take precedence, practically rules. She is not alone the personal attendant of the queen, but also her closest companion and friend. At state ceremonials she has to give At state ceremonials she has to give way to those of higher title and is far in the background, but when one only is in attendance on her majesty that

is in attendance on her majesty that one is Miss Knollys. She has her apartments quite close to those of the queen everywhere the latter goes. To describe one suite of apartments is, excepting Sandringham, to describe them all.

QUEEN'S BEDCHAMBER.

At Buskingham palace the queen's bedchamber is an immense room. It is at least 20 feet high and has eight is at least to feet high all has eight great windows on one side alone. There is not much furniture in it—at least the room is so big that it looks barely furnished. In the center of one side is the great bed. Alexandra is a stickis the great bed. Alexandra is a stick-ler for royal etiquette and pomp, and in-stead of the modern brass bedstead still has the old-fashioned carved mahog-apy affair of the kings and queens of past ages. The bed is very high-so high, in fact, that a cushioned step runs around it by which one gets in and out. It has a canopy and the royal arms in glittering gold on top. Sliken cur-tains, if need be, cover it entirely. The other features of the room, which is done in a dull green, are also on a huge scale. They are a dressing table in front of one of the windows and two wardrobes with great plate glass doors wardrobes with great plate glass doors and rows of drawers. Each wardrobe is fully 10 feet high and a dozen feet in length.

OTHER DETAILS.

On one side of the bedchamber is another room, the walls of which are lined with similar wordrobes. A door from this room leads into the king's suite of this room leads into the king's suite of apartments. On the other side of the bedroom is an ante-room or small square corridor. The nearest door in this gives entrance to her majesty's bathroom, a superb little apartment done in marble and onyx with silver fit-tings. The further door leads into the queen's own particular boudoir, done in rose pink and moss green, the walls covered with silk.

covered with allk. Another door out of the bedroom leads into another ante-room furnished with lounges and chairs ranged round the walls. It is a very large room and mirrors line one wall. It is the wait-ing room for the ladies, maids of honor and others in attendance at the mo-ment on the queen.

KNOLLYS' SUITE.

KNOLLYS' SUITE. The door from this room leads into a wide corridor, known as "the queen's corridor," It is here that the suite of rooms allotted to Charlotte Knollys is situated. There is bedroom, sitting-room, bathroom and dreasing, or ward-robe room. Each room is of good size, and it is a suite that a princess would ordinarily occupy. In fact, right across the corridor is the suite, similar in ev-ery way, of Princess Victoria, the only umarried daughter of the king. Thom Miss Knollys', bedchamber theres is a little private passage directly Into the queen's apartments, and also a single line private buzzer telephone. CHARLES BYNG-HALL,

There is just one country in this There is just one country in this effete, old Europe, it seems, where prac-tically untapped material may be gath-ered. That is Lapland. Much of it is still terra incognita to civilized man. No one has yet succeeded in journeying clear across it. Phases of life and local color may be found there that no liter-ary man has yet worked up. It is that he may be the first of the scribes to traverse this virgin field that Mr. Le Queux has planned in conjunc-

Mr. Le Queux has planned in conjunc-tion with Harry de Windt, the explorer, the expedition across Lapland of which you have doubtless heard something in America.

OBSTACLES TOO GREAT.

Du Chaillu, the intrepid Frenchman,

Protected by Arctic cold and terrible snowstorms during its long winter, and by bogs, swamps and mosquitoes dur-ing its short summer, Lapland remains ing its short summer, Lapland remains unconquered. That means there is glory to be won in that frigid northern land. And De Windt and Le Queux are going to make a big effort to capture the laurels. They are a good team. De Windt of course is well known in America. His fame as an explorer was first established some years ago by his great overland journey from Paris to New York, when he crossed Behring Straits on the ice. At the Hotel Cecil yesterday Mr. Le Queux gave me some interesting details of the projected ex-pedition. bedition,

NOT A PLEASURE JAUNT.

"It is no plasure jaunt we are going on," he said, "and we are making our plans with the utmost care. If anything goes wrong we may find ourselves in a very bad fix, and if everything goes well we shall still have to put up with what most folk would regard as great hardships."

"What constitutes the attractions of such a journey for you?" I asked, mon-tally contrasting the luxuries of the hotel with the bleak snow-clad wastes

hotel with the bleak snow-clad wastes of Lapland. "To get at facts nohody has yet got hold of." Mr. Le Queux answered. "I have a passion for facts. Writing books and storles is only half my life. The best half of it--that which brings me most enjoyment--is the search for ma-terial."

terial." "When do you start?" "In the course of a couple of weeks or so, De Windt and I will leave for Hammerfest, the most northerly town in the world, by the way, to make pre-liminary arrangements with the Lapps for reindeer, sleds, etc. Summer is the season to catch them on the coats, but to the winter they betake themselves in the winter they betake themselves

So now you have the raison d'etre of the close companionship of the two women, queen and commoner. CALLS HER "ALIX."

There are incumerable amusing sto-ries around the courts in which the Honorable Charlotte figures as heroine and only one in which she has ever been