

Guide to the Alfred von Kiderlen-Wächter Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 312

CREATOR: Kiderlen-Wächter, Alfred von, 1852-1912

TITLE: Alfred von Kiderlen-Wächter papers

DATES: 1891-1912

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, writings, speeches, notes and clippings on European political affairs and biographical material of Kiderlen-Wächter, German diplomat and Secretary of State. The most significant and largest portion of his correspondence and notes is that to his mistress, Hedwig Heting Kypke. These papers form a veritable diary of his life and of events in the Foreign Office from 1891 to 1912. Other correspondents include Wilhelm II, Bethmann-Hollweg, von Bulow, Eulenburg-Hertefeld, Marschall von Bieberstein and Alfred Zimmerman.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Ernest Jackh, 1949.

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Preferred Citation

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Other Finding Aids

For a published description of collection contents and a listing of subject file folder contents, please consult the [Published Description and Collection Inventory](#).

Biographical / Historical

Entered German foreign office in 1879; appointed Secretary of State of the Foreign Office in 1910.

Scope and Contents

Series I CORRESPONDENCE (folders 1-162)

This series is divided into two parts: A. Letters to Hedwig (Heting) Kypke and B. General Correspondence.

The bulk of this series (folders 1-109) consists of Kiderlen-Wächter's letters to Hedwig (Heting) Kypke during the years 1891-1912. Following this there is a group of fourteen folders labelled "to Kypke-Excerpts," This material, written in diary or journal form, appears to be Kiderlen's thoughts and notes on various subjects and people. Following this is a group of folders containing correspondence with a range of other political figures. At the end of this series is a folder containing Hedwig Kypke's family correspondence from 1839-1901.

Series II WRITINGS AND SPEECHES (folders 163-172)

This series contains miscellaneous writings of Kiderlen-Wächter's: a sketchbook, excerpts of memoirs and poems, and his thesis. There are four folders containing descriptions of several of Kaiser Wilhelm's imperial excursions and finally several folders containing drafts of speeches honoring various people.

Series III SUBJECT FILE (folders 173-185)

This series contains correspondence and clippings of a political nature concerning England, German foreign policy, Morocco, Rumania, the Triple Alliance and Turkey. A partial list of the contents of the folders by subject is appended to this register.

Series IV BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL (folders 190-191)

This series contains material giving biographical data about Kiderlen-Wächter and also Hedwig Kypke. Several folders contain letters and anecdotal material about Kiderlen, his youth and family background. There is a book entitled *Kypke Family Chronicle* and a two-page biography of Hedwig Kypke.

Arrangement

Arranged in four series: I. Correspondence. II. Writings and Speeches. III. Subject File. IV. Biographical Material.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence

To Hedwig (Heting) Kypke

b. 1, f. 1-20	1891 November - 1893 December 30	1891 November - 1893 December 30
b. 2, f. 21-36	1894 January 1 - 1896 October 22	1894 January 1 - 1896 October 22
b. 3, f. 37-50	1896 November 3 - 1898 December 31	1896 November 3 - 1898 December 31
b. 4, f. 51-65	1899 January 1 - 1900 May 31	1899 January 1 - 1900 May 31
b. 5, f. 66-78	1900 June 1 - 1902 December 30	1900 June 1 - 1902 December 30
b. 6, f. 79-91	1903 January 1 - 1907 September 29	1903 January 1 - 1907 September 29
b. 7, f. 92	1907 October 3 - November 6 Includes telegram, 3 Oct, from Hofmarshall Freystedl [?] to Kiderlen and bulletin from Agence Fournier, 3 Oct Constantinople.	1907 October 3 - November 6
b. 7, f. 93-98	1907 November 13 - 1908 December 31	1907 November 13 - 1908 December 31
b. 7, f. 99	1909 January 1 - January 31 Includes undated telegram from Carl [?] to Kiderlen and undated telegram from Elisabeth to Kiderlen [?] with letter of 4 Jan 09.	1909 January 1 - January 31
b. 7, f. 100	1909 February 1 - June 30	1909 February 1 - June 30
b. 7, f. 101	1909 July 1 - July 29 Includes Theodore Weicher, Dieterich'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Leipzig, June; also letter 1909 Feb 29 Julius Lessee [?] to Kiderlen - Kiderlen to Kypke. TREAT FOLDER WITH CARE.	1909 July 1 - July 29
b. 7, f. 102-103	1909 September 9 - 1910 January 24	1909 September 9 - 1910 January 24
b. 7, f. 104	1910 March 8 - July 31 Includes letter (draft?) to Chancellor, 14 Jun 1910, and letter Gustav Waschow, 3 Jun 1910.	1910 March 8 - July 31

To Hedwig (Heting) Kypke (continued)

b. 7, f. 105	1910 August 7 - December 31 Includes New Year's greeting from Theodor Reuss to Kiderlen and draft of letter from Kiderlen to King of Rumania.	1910 August 7 - December 31
b. 7, f. 106	1911 January 1 - May 31	1911 January 1 - May 31
b. 8, f. 107	1911 June 2 - December 31 Includes telegram from Elisabeth? and telegram forwarded to Kiderlen from Prince Ferdinand of Rumania.	1911 June 2 - December 31
b. 8, f. 108-109	1912 January 1 - December 29	1912 January 1 - December 29
To Kypke - Notes, Excerpts (Aufzeichnungen)		
b. 8, f. 110-123	1891 December 31 - 1907 December 13	1891 December 31 - 1907 December 13
Correspondence with others		
b. 8, f. 124	Beldiman	1910 June 30
b. 8, f. 125	Bethmann-Hollweg	1910-1911, undated
b. 8, f. 126	Billo	1897 November 6, 1909 July 22
b. 8, f. 127	Cambon	1910 Jul, undated
b. 8, f. 128	Carl (of Rumania)	
b. 8, f. 129	Crown Prince (.)	1910 June 30
b. 8, f. 130	Diez, Hermann	1911 August 3
b. 8, f. 131	Eulenberg und Hertefeld, Fürst zu	
b. 8, f. 132	Erzberger, M.	
b. 8, f. 133	Flotow	1910 January 7, undated
b. 8, f. 134	Gantes, E.	n.y. September 9
b. 9, f. 135	Georg, W.	1911 June 25, August 13
b. 9, f. 136	Glaser, Carl	
b. 9, f. 137	Glaser, Carl	1909 July 5
b. 9, f. 138	Goschen, W. E.	1911 November 4
b. 9, f. 139	Hammann	1907 September 21

Correspondence with others (continued)

b. 9, f. 140	Article about Otto Hammann by "Princeps" in <i>Die Standarte</i>	
b. 9, f. 141	Hawersaat	1900 February 12
b. 9, f. 142	Helfferich	1910 June 17, 1911 November 15
b. 9, f. 143	Hoffmann	1911 November 5
b. 9, f. 144	Holstein	1895?
b. 9, f. 145	Jagow	1907 July 13
b. 9, f. 146	Jionescv, Take	1912 February 8
b. 9, f. 147	Marschall von Bieberstein	1908 July 21
b. 9, f. 148	Minghetti	n.y. April 22
b. 9, f. 149	Monts, A.	1909 January 6; n.y. December 20
b. 9, f. 150	Pasha, Ibrahim Hakki	undated
b. 9, f. 151	Ratibor	1910 July 4, July 5
b. 9, f. 152	Raymund	1909 June 12
b. 9, f. 153	Rotenhan (?)	1897 July 21
b. 9, f. 154	Schmidt, Hermann	1911 July 25
b. 9, f. 155	Stemrich	1909 October - 1910 June 24
b. 9, f. 156	Wilhelm	1911 April 12
b. 9, f. 157	Wilhelm	1911 October 2, 1910 June 20
b. 9, f. 158	Zimmermann	1907 July 13 - 1912
b. 9, f. 159	Kypke (?) - letter incomplete (Memoir?)	
b. 9, f. 160	Misc. correspondence & clippings	1908(?)
b. 9, f. 161	Congratulatory notes to Kiderlen-Wächter on his appointment to Staatssekretär	
b. 9, f. 162	Kypke, Hedwig (Heting) - family correspondence	1839-1901

Series II: Writings and speeches

b. 9, f. 163	Notebook (Sketchbook)	
b. 9, f. 164	Memoirs-poems	
b. 9, f. 165	Kiderlen's thesis <i>Probearbeit</i> (in French) on the Turkish-Greek War of 1821-1830, with letter	
b. 9, f. 166	Travel Report (Kaiser's Nordlandsreise - summer 1892)	
b. 9, f. 167	Travel Reports (Kaiser's trips)	Undated, 1895
b. 9, f. 168	Travel Reports	1887, 1900, 1902, undated
b. 9, f. 169	Travel Report (Kaiser's trip on Hohenzollern, Nordlandsreise - summer?)	
b. 10, f. 170	Speeches honoring Kaiser Wilhelm's birthday	
b. 10, f. 171	Speech honoring King Carol of Rumania	1910
b. 10, f. 172	Speech honoring Franz Josef	undated

Series III: Subject file

NOTE: For a partial listing of folder contents in Series III, SUBJECT FILE, see: Appendix.

b. 10, f. 173-174	Topical Documents and Correspondence - England	1909-1911?
b. 10, f. 175	Topical Documents and Correspondence - England, <i>Reichstags-Verhandlungen</i> 1912 Apr w/news clippings	
b. 10, f. 176	Miscellaneous notes and abstracts on German foreign policy, (various authors and recipients)	1908-1912
b. 10, f. 177-178	Marokko (Morocco)	1908 - 1912
b. 10, f. 179-181	Topical Documents and Correspondence - Rumania	1900-1912, undated
b. 10, f. 182	Triple Alliance (Dreibund) and War in Tripoli,	1910-1912
b. 10, f. 183-185	Topical Documents and Correspondence - Turkey	1899-1912

Series IV: Biographical material

b. 10, f. 186	Anecdotes by Kypke about Kiderlen-Wächter,	1891-1912 (?)
b. 10, f. 187	Newspaper article (Schwäbischer Merkur), on Kiderlen-Wächter's family background	1913 January 2
b. 10, f. 188	Letters and notes re: Kiderlen's family and youth; anecdotes	
b. 10, f. 189	Letter (memoir?) - incomplete re: Kiderlen	
b. 10, f. 190	Book - Hedwig Kypke's family chronicle entitled, <i>Kurze Chronik der Familie Kypke</i> (1910)	
b. 10, f. 191	Two-page typed biography of Hedwig Kypke	

Oversize materials

Kiderlen-Wachter, Alfred (von)

Newspapers

b. 11	<i>Berliner Tageblatt</i> English	1919 October 11
b. 11	<i>Volksstimme</i>	1911 September 26
b. 11	Aufzeichnungen	1908-1912
b. 11	Documents, certificates, and degrees [Goettigen, Leipzig, Tübingen]	

APPENDIX: PARTIAL LISTING OF FOLDER/CONTENTS IN SERIES III, SUBJECT FILE

England 1909

Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg about German-English agreements account of a conversation between Bethmann- Hollweg and English ambassador Sir Goschen, 1909 Oct 14

Metternich's account of a conversation with Sir Grey, 1909 Oct 27 Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Nov 4

Account of a meeting between Bethmann-Hollweg (Sec. of State) von Shoen, and Sir Goschen, 1909 Nov 4

Telegram from Bethmann-Hollweg to German ambassador in London, 1909 Oct 27

Bethmann-Hollweg to Count Metternich, 1909 Nov 8

Flotow to Kiderlen, 1909 Nov 8

note from Bethmann-Hollweg to Kiderlen along with a note from Sir Goschen and (Sec. of state) von Schoen 1909 Nov 9

Telegram from Bethmann-Hollweg to Metternich, 1909 Nov 10

Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Nov 23

Sec. of State von Schoen to Kiderlen 1909 Nov 23

Draft of German-English peace treaty

England 1911

Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg & Bethmann-Hollweg to Kiderlen about disarmament 1911 Feb 21

Jenisch to Kiderlen 1911 Aug 13

England 1912

Kaiser Wilhelm to Kiderlen about naval program 1912 Feb 24

Kiderlen's reply to Kaiser Wilhelm 1912 Feb 24

Bethmann-Hollweg's resignation to Kaiser Wilhelm 1912 Mar 6

Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in Reichstag, corrected by Kiderlen 1912 Mar 19

Proceedings of Reichstag 1912 Apr 22

Morocco 1911 Concerning Casablanca

Cambon to Cruppi 1911 Jun 22

Weizsacker to Kiderlen 1911 Jul 8

Weizsacker to Kiderlen

Paris press reports about French-Spanish incident in Morocco Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1911 Jul 17

Lehmann to Kiderlen

refusal by Kiderlen 1911 Jul 18

Bethmann-Hollweg to Kiderlen 1911 Jul 18

Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1911 Jul 19

von Lindequist to Kiderlen 1911 Aug 7

Schwabach (?) to Kiderlen 1911 Aug 11

Hammann to Kiderlen 1911 Aug 17

German-French treaty vis a vis Morocco 1911 Sep 20

von Behr to Kiderlen 1911 Oct 5

Paul Schwabach to Kiderlen 1911 Oct 10

Sir Goschen to Kiderlen 1911 Nov 4

Cambon to Kiderlen 1911 Nov 5

Bethmann-Hollweg to Kiderlen about Lindequist

Kiderlen to King Carol 1911 Nov 9

Reichstag report on German-French treaty vis a vis Morocco

Morocco 1912

Bethmann-Hollweg to Kiderlen 1912 Jan (?)

Bethmann-Hollweg to Kiderlen 1912 Aug 26

Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1912 Aug 29

Morocco folders 4-178 contains letters from various correspondents from 1910-1911

Rumania 1900

Beldiman to Kiderlen 1900 Jun 3

Rumania 1904

Kiderlen to King Carol 1904 Dec

Rumania 1905

Kiderlen's New Years greetings to King Carol

Rumania 1907

Sturdza to Kiderlen 1907 Jun 13

Sturdza to Kiderlen 1907 Jun 20

Sturdza to Kiderlen 1907 Jul 4

Rumania 1908

Costinescu to Kiderlen 1908 Jul 23

Jon Ghement to Kiderlen 1908 Jul 23

Kiderlen to Costinescu 1908 Jul 28

Kiderlen's New Year's greeting to the Crown prince 1908 Dec 28

Kiderlen's New Year's greetings to King Carol 1908 Dec

Rumania 1909

Bethmann-Hollweg to Kiderlen 1909 Aug 5
Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Aug
Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Sep 27
Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Sep 27
Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Sep 27
Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Sep 30
Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Oct 2
Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Oct 24
Romberg to Bethmann-Hollweg 1909 Nov 18
Kiderlen's New Year's greeting to the Crown prince 1909 Dec 29
Kiderlen's New Year's greeting to King Carol 1909 Dec 29

Rumania 1910

Kiderlen to Bratiano
Bratiano to Kiderlen telegram
Kiderlen's New Year's greeting to King Carol
to Kiderlen 1910 Apr 11
Sec. general of the French (?) foreign affairs ministry (?) to Kiderlen 1910 Jul 7
Telegram, Carl to Kiderlen 1910 Jun 30
Telegram, Bratiano to Kiderlen 1910 Jun 28
Kiderlen to Bratiano 1910 Jun 29
Telegram, orleano (?) to Kiderlen 1910 Jun 28
Telegram, Ionesco to Kiderlen 1910 Jun 28
Kiderlen to Bratiano 1910 Jun 29
Kiderlen to King (?) 1910 Jun 29

Rumania 1911

Kiderlen to King Carol 1911 Apr
Beldiman to Kiderlen (?) 1911 Aug 6

Rumania 1912

Kiderlen's New Year's greeting to King Carol
Kiderlen to King Carol 1912 Apr 15
Kiderlen to Richthofen

Triple Alliance 1910

Kiderlen to Bethmann-Hollweg 1910 Jan 31
Schonburg to Kiderlen, 1910 Jun 26

Aehrenthal to Kiderlen, 1910 Jul 2

Monts to Kiderlen, 1910 Sep 30

Triple Alliance 1911

Jagow to Kiderlen 1911 Dec 12

Bethmann-Hollweg to Kiderlen 1911 Dec 19

Triple Alliance 1912

Kiderlen to a Stuttgart friend (?) 1912 Jan 14

Jagow to Kiderlen 1912 Jan 15

Russian ambassador in Rome to Sazonow 1912 Mar 25

Russian ambassador in Rome to Sazonow 1912 Mar 25

Russian ambassador in Rome to Sazonow 1912 Mar 26

Triple Alliance 1911

Neratow to Benckendorff 1911 Nov 25

Neratow to Benckendorff 1911 Nov 27

Turkey 1899

Kiderlen from Copenhagen to Constantinople 1899 Jul 5

Turkey 1907

Kiderlen to Sultan Abdul Hamid

Turkish agreement

Newspaper clipping

Kiderlen to Sultan concerning Krupp arms 1907 Jun

Kiderlen to Sultan

Kiderlen concerning Bagdad railroad

Huguenin to Sultan

Huguenin to Sultan

Ferid Pascha to Kiderlen

Kiderlen concerning his talk with Sultan about the Konia concession (?) 1907 Sep 6

Ferid Pascha to Kiderlen about the Konia concession

von Pourtales to Kiderlen concerning Konia concession

Kiderlen about "the Holy Caravan" 1907 Sep 23; also about his audience with Sultan on 1907 Sep 27

Kiderlen's note about the Turkish representative

Turkey 1908

Concerning von Reval

Concerning visit of Coburg'schen princes

thank you telegram from prince Carl Edward

Kiderlen concerning visit of Abdul Rachman

Request from (?) Hassan Rami 1908 Aug 6

Request from Professor Wieting for Hassan Rami 1908 Aug 6

Notice from Italian agency 1908 Aug 14

Notice from Italian Agency 1908 Aug 17

Kiderlen to Bülow concerning alleged secret treaty between Austria and Turkey 1908 Aug 18

Relations between Turkey and Bulgaria 1908 Oct 16

Turkey 1909

Sec. of State Schoen to Kiderlen about conversation between the Bulgarian minister Malinow and the Russian envoy concerning Turkish-Bulgarian friendship, & relations between Bulgaria-Austria, and Bulgaria-Russia

Report from Military Attaché von Strumpel from Constantinople about an Austro-Turkish military conference 1909 Nov 11

Report from ambassador v. Tschirschky in Wien to Bethmann-Hollweg about a conversation between Graf Aehrenthal & Turkish ambassador in Berlin, Osman Nesami Pascha, about an Entente between Turkey, Austria-Hungary, and Rumania 1909 Nov 13

Report from German envoy in Sofia v. Romberg to Bethmann-Hollweg about an alleged secret treaty between Russia and Bulgaria

Turkey 1910

article about Kiderlen's comments on victory of gold marks from Budapest over Parisian Borse 1910 Sep 30

French reports concerning Turkish troop movements on Persian border as result of a German-Turkish accord reached at Marienbad 1910 Oct 20

Turkey 1911

telegram, from Bulow, German envoy in Sofia, about Turkish mobilization on Bulgarian border 1911 Oct 13

report from German ambassador in Constantinople, Marschall von Bieberstein, about military situation in Tripoli 1911 Nov 21

Neratoff's report from Petersburg about the wars in Tripoli

Turkey 1912

Note to Kiderlen from "deutschen Vaterlandsfreunden" concerning Asia Minor 1912 Nov 4

Kiderlen's speech in Bundesrat concerning German policy in Orient 1912 Nov 28

Telegram from Neratoff in Petersburg re: Russian policy in Persia 1912 Dec 10

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

Europe

Germany -- Politics and government --
1888-1918

Subjects

Diplomats

Occupations

Public officers

Names

Kiderlen-Wächter, Alfred von, 1852-1912
Kypke, Hedwig, 1854-

Corporate Body

Germany. Auswärtiges Amt