

Richest Girl in the World Holds the Fate of Nations

Miss Krupp Supplied Both Russia and Japan with their Guns, and Could Wreck any Military Power if she Chose

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Berlin, April 21.—Special: It is one of the grim ironies of fate that a young girl, barely of age, should be in a sense responsible for the bloodshed in the struggle between Russia and Japan, owing to the fact that she supplied both Powers with practically all of their guns. The young woman in question is Miss Krupp, who on the death of her father became chief proprietor of the world-famed Krupp Works at Essen and the wealthiest woman in the world.

This girl holds the fate of nation in her hand, for if the Krupp Works refused to supply any country with guns that country would be in a bad way as a military Power. The entire artillery of Russia and Japan, France, Germany and Italy was manufactured at the Krupp Works, and during the South African war, when the artillery made in English arsenals proved worthless, England had to apply to the Krupp Works to supply the urgently needed weapons.

Practically every gun on every Russian and Japanese war ship was constructed in the Krupp Works at Essen, and, similarly, every gun mounted on every German warship, every Austrian war ship and every Italian war ship bears the Krupp trade mark. Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Switzerland and all the South American countries are equally dependent on the Krupp Works for their naval and military armaments.

To the soldiers or sailors whose limbs are torn asunder by fragments from shells manufactured by the Krupp Works and fired from guns constructed at the Krupp Works the fair and youthful Miss Krupp must appear as a veritable angel of death.

SHE OWNS A BIG CITY.

In reality Miss Krupp is a charming Teuton maiden who wields her immense power with discretion and generosity. The city of Essen, with its 100,000 inhabitants, is practically her private property, so that she possesses almost despotic power over her employees and their families. The magnitude of the Krupp Works only can be realized by those who have visited Essen and viewed the amazing genius of Miss Krupp's father and grandfather.

The works contain 111 huge hammers, which are plied with deafening din for twenty-four hours every day in the week: 1,500 large ovens, the fires of which never go out, and 3,421 steam machines, which are incessantly at work. No less than 3,500 tons of coal are burned every day to keep all the necessary furnaces alight. The works are intersected by Krupp's own railways, which, though only within the boundaries of the establishment, have a total length of over fifty miles. In addition, there are 200 miles of telegraph wires and a complete network of telephone wires for the exclusive use of the Krupp Works. Thirty-three locomotives are in use on the private railways and 600 operators are employed to manipulate and supervise telegraph and telephone arrangements. Besides its ordinary factories and workshops, the Krupp Works possess their own gas works, electric generating stations, a chemical laboratory, a factory for fire-proof stones, and two brick kilns.

The employees number over 25,000, and special houses, schools, public baths, public restaurants, co-operative stores and hospitals have been erected for them by the firm, which also has provided its own flour mills, bakeries, slaughter houses and hat, clothes and shoe factories for the supply of necessities to the workers.

During the last decade the Krupp Works have sold 25,000 big artillery guns to thirty-four different countries, besides immense quantities of steel rails and all sorts of other steel products. Apart from the works themselves, the Krupp possessions include extensive coal and iron ore mines near Bilbao, in Spain; 360 coal and iron ore mines in Germany and a score of stone quarries. Four large ocean steamships are employed to bring the products of the Spanish mines to Hamburg.

WANTS TO RUN IT ALL HERSELF.

This colossal conglomeration of riches belongs chiefly to Miss Krupp, who is thus the biggest

matrimonial prize of the period. The control of the works is entrusted to a committee of management, but Miss Krupp herself takes a keen interest in all the complicated affairs of her vast concern. Reports on the operations of the various departments are laid before her with unflinching regularity, and features which are inexplicable to her are made clear by the statements of experts delegated by the committee of management to enlighten her. The heiress seems to have inherited some of the family capacity for industrial organization for she takes the greatest pride and delight in supervising the work of the different departments, and declares that at some future time she will have gained sufficient experience to take an active part in the direction of affairs.

Meanwhile, her interference in business matters is limited to passive supervision, but she takes a more active part in controlling the management of the numerous auxiliary departments of the establishment. The schools for children of her employees and the hospitals for the care of the sick receive regular visits from her, and she has a sharp eye for defects of all kinds. The churches, hospitals and schools erected by the firm are maintained entirely by Miss Krupp's private contributions, which amount to a truly fabulous sum every year. Complaints from employees who think they have reason to be dissatisfied with their treatment at the hands of their superior receive Miss Krupp's careful attention, and she arranges that the report presented to her on the case shall be absolutely impartial. Claims on her sympathy made by the wives and families of her employees meet with equal attention and are never ignored if they are genuine.

Miss Krupp makes an inspection of something or other connected with her works every day in the week. On one day she goes into the factories and work shops, there learning the actual conditions under which her employees earn their wages, on another day she makes the round of hospitals, on a third day she pays surprise visits to the schools, and at another time she may stroll along the part of Essen populated by her dependents and drop into a house here and there to manifest her sympathy with the laboring classes. The committee of management, as well as Miss Krupp's own relatives, rather discourage these excursions, but she insists on acting according to her own judgment, and always has her own way. She is a despot but a benevolent one.

MANY GUMBREERS.

Knowing human nature, it is hardly surprising to find that Miss Krupp's employees do not

appreciate her good qualities and charitable ways. The lack of personal freedom which they feel at Essen jars on them. They admit that Miss Krupp is well meaning and benevolent and that the works are conducted on the whole on distinctly humanitarian methods, but they declare that it is all too grandmotherly to suit their tastes.

Living in Miss Krupp's houses, sending their children to her schools, applying to her hospitals when they or their families are sick, attending her churches, drinking beer in her restaurants, buying meat from her slaughter houses, flour from her mills, bread from her bakeries, and hats and clothes from her stores, makes them feel that they are her serfs and not free born laborers. The result is that the Socialist vote increases at Essen at every successive election, and by the time the next electoral contest occurs it appears certain that a Social-Democrat will be returned to represent Miss Krupp's city in the Reichstag.

Miss Krupp's friends have often suggested to her that she might with advantage to herself abandon the ancestral home at Essen and go to take a prominent place in the high society of Berlin, which would welcome the heiress with outstretched arms. They assure her that she could be married to a prince by the end of her first season in society. Miss Krupp, however, dislikes the theory of absentee ownership, and though she is ready to enjoy visits to the German Capital at frequent intervals, she is resolved to make the house of Essen, overlooking the works from which she draws her wealth, her real home. As to marrying a prince, Miss Krupp has her own theories on the matrimonial question, which her relatives declare are impossibly romantic, but her husband, whoever he may be, will have to reckon with her love for grim, smoky Essen, and consent to make his home there with her during a considerable part of every year.

GUARDED BY DETECTIVES.

Miss Krupp's charitable disposition has become known to the general public in Germany, with the result that she receives, on an average, over 200 purely begging letters a day, and over 150 letters daily entreating her to grant some position in the works to some worthy young man. Over 100 letters reach her daily requesting her to subscribe to various kinds of charitable institutions in all parts of Europe. Quite a number of begging letters and other appeals for help reach Miss Krupp from America. All these letters receive her personal attention and she works through them with the help of three young lady secretaries. Appeals for positions in the works are referred to the different heads of departments, begging cases are mentioned to competent authorities capable of judging whether they are genuine or not, and most of the letters receive the courtesy of a reply.

Miss Krupp has to undergo

some of the inconveniences which are generally confined to Emperors and Kings. Her vast wealth and the ownership of an entire city make her a likely target for Anarchist bullets, and her friends are in constant terror of assassination. For this reason her guardians have insisted on her being continually guarded by a special corps of detectives, who are always in her vicinity. When she drives or walks out one or two of them always hover around. When she takes exercise in her private grounds the detectives are close at hand to repel intruders, and when she travels by railway still more elaborate precautions are taken. Miss Krupp resents these restrictions and finds the supervision of detectives irksome in the extreme, but she submits, recognizing the necessity of the precautionary measures.

The Kaiser takes the keenest interest in the welfare of Miss Krupp, whose father was his close personal friend. He sends her from time to time letters dealing with matters connected with the Krupp Works which interest him, as well as with Miss Krupp's own personal affairs, and Miss Krupp's letters are for the most part replies to the Kaiser's questions. When Miss Krupp makes her formal debut in Berlin society, it will be under the especial protection of the Kaiser and of the Empress.

ALL THE SMITHS INVITED.

One Smith Wants all the Other Smiths to Visit Him.

Louisville, April 29.—The Smith family, not specifically but generally, will assemble in Louisville this fall, if the plan of John Cabell Smith, a wealthy Kentuckian, is concurred in by the Smiths at large.

Smith has issued a general invitation, through the press to the Smiths of the country to assemble in Louisville for a three days' reunion, and will defray all the expenses of entertainment. He says he is willing to spend \$25,000 on his project, but that he will drop it unless he receives assurances that the Smith family of the United States will be represented by a fair proportion of those bearing the name. "There is no reason why several thousand should not attend," he says, "and in that event we would fix up a parade and other festivities that would startle the world. I want men, women, and children, and I want them to come prepared for a hilarious time. I want all who can come to notify me so that I may proceed with my plan."

THE TOWN LIBRARY.

A Tolerably Good One is Not Good Enough.

Our Church Record. Our town is aroused on the subject of a town library. We have been a busy industrial people, but have not paid sufficient attention to reading. A change is coming over us, and the time is ripe for the establishment of a good library. Our business men are enthusiastic over the project, and the idea is growing every day.

We are able to establish something really good and should be satisfied with nothing less. A tolerably good library is like a tolerably good egg, it will not do. Everything that is any account is expensive, and if this library is made what it ought to be, it will cost something, but it is more than worth it. We have been investing in material enterprises, let us now invest some capital in immortal mind.

Homicide Near Kings Mountain.

Yorkville Enquirer. Jim McMackin killed Rufe Fronsberger near Kings Mountain battle-ground last Tuesday evening, and surrendered to the sheriff Tuesday night. The killing was because of Fronsberger's unwelcome attentions to McMackin's wife; but McMackin also claims self defense. Coroner Louthain held an inquest on Wednesday.

Gaston's Tin at St. Louis.

Wilmington Star, 20th. The State has secured the finest specimens of tin ore found in Gaston, and these have been especially prepared and sent to the St. Louis Exposition. They came from near King's Mountain. The owners of the mine sent a car load to the smelters, and the ore yielded a profit of something like \$100 to the ton.

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DEATH OF A MAY QUEEN.

She Who Was to Have Been Queen of The May Was Crowned in Her Coffin.

The Asheville correspondent of Tuesday's Observer says: The funeral services over the remains of the late Miss Margaret Isabella Porter, who died Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock were conducted from the residence on Swannanoa yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Crutchfield officiating. The circumstances surrounding Miss Porter's death are peculiarly sad. She was but 13 years of age, with a sweet and lovable disposition. She had been chosen queen of the May celebration of the Biltmore Parish School, and had looked forward to the event of to-morrow with keen delight. But the angel of death intervened and the little lifeless form was yesterday afternoon consigned to the grave shrouded in the pretty white frock that she was to wear on the festival occasion, and wearing upon her brow a woven crown of flowers, placed there by her little schoolmates and friends, just as would have been done on the occasion of the crowning of the May queen. The May Day programme at the Parish School will be carried out to-morrow, but there will be no queen. The crowning of the queen will be omitted out of love and respect to the little dead classmate.

RIGHT HERE IN GASTONIA.

J. H. Kennedy & Co., Guarantee to Refund Money if Hyomei Fails to Cure the Worst Case of Catarrh.

It is no uncommon thing to see a medicine advertised as a "guaranteed cure." But investigation usually shows that the guarantee is made by some unknown firm, hundreds of miles away.

The guarantee, though, that comes with Hyomei, is entirely different. It is made by J. H. Kennedy & Co., one of the most reliable drug firms in this section. They advertise that if Hyomei does not cure the worst case of catarrh, they will return the money without any question or argument. No business house in Gastonia has a better reputation for square dealing than J. H. Kennedy & Co., and when they guarantee that they will refund the money if Hyomei fails to cure catarrh, no one has any question as to the agreement being lived up to, both in the spirit and letter.

Hyomei is very easy and pleasant to use. Just breathe it through the little inhaler that comes with every outfit; every breath will bring recovery so much the nearer. It kills all the germs of catarrhal troubles in the air passages of the head, throat, and lungs, soothes and heals the irritated mucous membrane, and is the only natural cure for catarrh. The complete outfit costs but one dollar, and extra bottles of Hyomei can be obtained for fifty cents. Do not let a slight catarrhal trouble develop into one that may be serious and chronic. Use Hyomei at once remembering that you run no risk whatever when you try Hyomei on J. H. Kennedy & Co's offer of "No cure, no pay." —M-13.

Thomasville Orphanage Gets Money.

Tar Heel, 29th.

The Thomasville Orphanage has come into possession of \$100,000, the legacy from the Dennis Simmons estate. This is the largest legacy ever received by any orphanage in the South. The trustees in this case have decided that the interest of this sum shall be applied to permanent improvements. It is clearly evident that this will shortly make the Thomasville Orphanage the best institution of the kind in North Carolina. They have acted wisely. The reason for declining to use this accruing interest for the support fund arises from the fixed purpose to make the care of the orphans a charge, forever, upon the love of the church. That also is right. When the church forgets to give to its orphans, it ceases to touch the nailprints in the hands of the Saviour.

Cabarrus Farmers Preparing for Bumper Cotton Crop.

Charlotte Chronicle.

A gentleman from Cabarrus who was in the city to-day informed a Chronicle reporter that the farmers of his county were in splendid shape. "Every farmer I know is preparing for a big cotton crop, in anticipation of the high prices that are expected to rule next fall and winter," he said. "Our people are practically through planting, and I do not believe it is an exaggeration to say that more Cabarrus land is under cultivation for cotton this year than ever before."

Belts! Belts! Belts!

Novelties and Ladies' Furnishings.

In making up her costume the tasteful dresser will not neglect that line of beauty—the waist-line. There taste and tidiness certainly have their parts to perform in completing a lady's becoming attire. How much indeed depends upon a beautiful belt! And at Yeager's you will find this kind—none prettier.

Crushed Leather Just received one lot of 20 dozen crushed leather belts, whites, tans, browns, blacks. Prices: 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c.

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The season for handling stock is drawing rapidly to a close. Our fine stock of horses and mules is now "going," "going," and pretty soon it will be "three times and gone!"

Our last shipment for the season was a car-load of horses and a car-load of mules received last week—we have only 100 head in all. In this lot are some unusually good stock for farm purposes, and especially is attention called to some fine driving and saddle horses.

This stock is from our old reliable Tennessee dealer, and of course we guarantee every animal to be just as represented.

Come along quickly and get your choice, we are winding up the season.

Craig & Wilson

The Order of Red Men of the State are holding their annual meeting in Charlotte this week.

Old Time Corn Meal.

We are prepared to offer to the merchants, the genuine "old time corn meal" rock ground. It is called "Mountain Rock" Manufactured by the Atlanta Milling Co. The rocks upon which this meal is ground, run slowly, heating the corn very little, and preserving that delicious taste only found many years back from meal made by that little country mill, situated just back of the hill, run by a little rill that turned out good sweet corn meal for Sally and Bill.

J. A. GLENN Co., Distributors.

Business Meeting of Y. N. C. A.

As some important matters of a business character are coming up for attention, I hereby call a business meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association for Friday night, May 6, at eight o'clock. The place of meeting will be the Y. M. C. A. Hall, and the importance of matters to be considered makes it urgent that as large an attendance as possible be present. Signed, C. E. ADAMS, President.

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