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THE CZARINA WAS ALWAYS UNDER A GRAVE SUSPICION

For more than a year the empress of Russia, because of her relationship with the house of Hohenzollern, has been suspected in entente circles of German intrigue in Petrograd. Last August when it was reported in Europe that Russia and Germany had discussed separate peace terms the empress was suspected as the ringleader. In September, according to reports in Paris which reached New York, Russian and French secret service agents from Paris went to Petrograd to investigate the reported association of the empress with German plots. The reports which these men are believed to have placed before the czar caused him to order the empress to be kept in a chateau near Petrograd. Had German Sympathies. The czarina, Alexandra Feodorovna, before marriage was Princess Alix of Hesse and a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. Her close relations with the monk Rasputin, who was said to be in German pay, warrant the suspicions.



Photo by American Press Association.

THE CZARINA. that her sympathies were with the land of her birth. As to the causes of the monk's unquestionable and incomprehensible influence in court circles, the most contradictory reports have been and are current in Petrograd. One thing is certain—that Rasputin had succeeded in obtaining a most extraordinary ascendancy over the empress. One explanation current is that he had cleverly taken advantage of certain coincidences and of the superstitious nature of the czarina. Rasputin had succeeded, it is declared, in convincing the empress that as long as he was at court and could intercede for the young czarévitch in his prayers the boy's life would be safe. What had convinced the mother was the following incident: One day the boy was standing beneath a heavy picture on the wall when Rasputin called to him. The czarévitch had only taken a few steps toward Rasputin when the picture fell to the ground just where the boy had been standing. The czarina witnessed the scene and interpreted Rasputin's intervention as a proof of his mysterious power. Child's Secret Injury. Great secrecy was thrown around a sensational incident a few years ago involving an injury sustained by the little fellow in consequence of an accident that befell him while in the custody of a high official of the empire. It has been repeatedly prophesied he could never live to see maturity. One of these gloomy prophets was Count Paul Vassili, who wrote: "The child, who has been very delicate since his birth, suffers from an organic disease of the arteries, which are liable to rupture upon the slightest provocation and even without cause. Already three years ago he had to undergo an operation, which was performed by Professor Federoff, one of the doctors who treated him in the autumn of 1912. "From morning to night the czarévitch is told that his existence is so precious to his parents that no caprice of his is to be allowed to pass without being at once gratified. Arrogant by nature, this arrogance is fostered instead of being corrected. He tyrannizes over his servants, and whenever any one attempts to correct him he immediately threatens the unfortunate person with all kinds of punishments." Since the reported discovery of the association of the empress with the German separate peace plans she has been living in the chateau, where all her mail has been censored and where she has been permitted to receive only those guests who were under watch by Russian government agents.

FOOD PROBLEMS ARE VERY DANGEROUS ONES

At the moment no other factor in the national situation is of greater importance than intelligent, precautionary preparations to secure the largest possible acreage of land under cultivation, and particularly in the food crops, during the coming season. Whether we are to have war or peace, the population must be fed, and if unfortunately weather conditions should be unfavorable and the yield no better than last year's, the food situation next winter will be so much worse than it is now that we may well take alarm while there is yet time to provide against the possibility, says a statement by a large national bank of New York. The present crop year began with a large carry-over of all the grains, but it will end without reserves, and the whole world will be dependent upon the crops of 1917. The beginning is not good. The Argentine wheat crop, now harvested, is so nearly a failure that there will be little for export, and the corn crop will be not much better. The Australian wheat crop, which, like that of Argentina, is harvested in the months of our winter, is estimated at 139,392,000 bushels against 187,120,000 last year, but fortunately there is a carry-over estimated at 80,000,000 bushels. A semi-official report puts the condition of French winter wheat at 65 per cent against 74 last year and states that, owing to lack of fertilizer and want of proper preparation of the soil, the yield will be below normal. The crop of Holland is unpromising and of England backward. In the United States there has been a shortage of moisture in the principal winter wheat states. The plant is not known to be injured, and there is yet time for sufficient moisture to come, but if it was under a snow covering the outcome would be better assured. A freeze has cut off the early vegetable crop in the southern states, which would have soon relieved the present scarcity. Unusual Conditions. There are unusual features in the situation which deserve attention. The high wages paid in the town industries have been drawing labor from the farms. The men come to the towns for winter work, and last spring they did not go back to the country, and they are not likely to go back this spring, particularly if industry receives a new stimulus from our entrance into the war. The farmer's outlay for seed and all expenses are higher, and, while high prices for products are usually expected to stimulate larger production, they may not do so this year. In ordinary times we can draw on other countries to make up for domestic shortage. We have frequently imported potatoes from Europe, and the effects of not being able to do so now are apparent. It is just as important under present conditions to have reserves of food as reserves of cartridges. When so much is dependent upon a good crop it is the part of prudence for the entire community to concern itself about the situation from the beginning of the season. There are certain common vegetables which make up a large part of the food supply, such as potatoes, beans, onions, etc., which do well in all parts of the country and can be grown in a small way without machinery, whose production this year in ample quantities should be assured beyond chance or doubt. This garden production can be greatly increased if a popular interest is awakened and systematic efforts are made to place idle town lots and nearby tracts at the disposal of people who are willing to work them.

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25-Cent Bottle Destroys Dandruff and Doubles Beauty of Your Hair. Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine you can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see downy hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp. A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance. Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.

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BOSTON WOMAN RECOMMENDING IT TO HER FRIENDS

Popular Boston Lady Says Toniline Has Proven a Godsend to Her. It is always interesting to listen to the statements of our friends, and especially when you know they are sincere and honest in what they say. Added interest is created in a statement coming from one who has spent a lifetime in Boston, where she is well known socially. Such a person is Annie Stewart, who resides in Boston and is possessed of the respect and confidence of her associates, and is willing for anyone to call on her to verify the following signed testimonial. "I have suffered with stomach trouble for the past seven years. It took the form of indigestion and dyspepsia. I had dizzy spells and headaches, and after I ate a little food it would ferment and cause gas to form in my stomach. I had pains all over my body, and was chronically constipated. My liver was torpid, and I felt generally miserable. I had doctored and had been in a hospital, but received no permanent relief. I was so nervous and restless that at night I could scarcely sleep. The gas pressing under my heart caused palpitation, and when I arose in the morning I was just as tired as when I retired. About two weeks ago I began to take toniline, and I can truthfully state that it has done wonders in my case. I am feeling like a new woman and can eat any kind of food. I sleep the night through and have no more aches or pains; in fact, it has cured me, and I am recommending it to all my friends, as it has been a Godsend to me." Gardner Drug Co. sell and guarantee toniline. There are numerous symptoms of this trouble that toniline can relieve. In fact, any of the following may denote affections of the stomach: indigestion, dyspepsia, belching of wind, bad breath, sick throbbing headache, poor complexion, night sweats, that tired feeling, costiveness, coated tongue or a poor complexion. Caution:—As toniline is recommended as a flesh builder those not wishing to increase their weight, 15 pounds or more should not take it continuously.

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NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Rockingham county, made in special proceedings entitled, "Emma Nance, widow and W. K. Nance, guardian, et al. EX-PARTE," the same being upon the Special Proceeding docket of said county in said court; the undersigned commissioner duly appointed by the court, will on the 14th day of April 1917, at 3 o'clock p. m. in front of the Bank of Reidsville on Scales St. in the town of Reidsville, N. C., in Rockingham County, offer for sale to the last and highest bidder for cash, reserving the crop of small grain now on the place, that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Rockingham, and State of N. Carolina, Simpsonville township adjoining the lands of Miss Nannie Wilds, J. E. Nance and others, and bounded and described as follows: Lot No. 2—Beginning at a stone in the original and Wilds line S. 55d. W. Thirty and 50-100 chains to a stone in said line, S. Twenty-six and 75-100 chains to a stone, W. Nine and 52-100 chains to a stone, N. twenty-six and 75-100 chains to the beginning, containing twenty-five acres, more or less. For better and accurate description of said property, see deed of conveyance of same from J. E. Nance et al to W. B. Nance, the father of said petitioners and the late husband of the said widow Emma Nance, in the office of register of deeds of Rockingham county, N. C. duly recorded in Book No. 146, pages 38 etc. This the 7th day of March 1917. W. K. NANCE, Commissioner D. H. Parsons, Attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust executed on the 1st day of April 1915, by R. C. Collie and wife to the undersigned trustee to secure the payment of a certain note, and the conditions of said deed of trust not having been complied with, and having been requested to do so by the owner of said note and deed of trust, I will in front of the Stacy Grocery Co., near Ruffin, N. C. on the 31st day of March, 1917, at 3 o'clock p. m. expose to sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular the stock of goods, wares and merchandise belonging to and compose the Stacy Grocery Co.; also all accounts on the books of the Stacy Grocery Co. Parties desiring to buy the stock as a whole are invited to inspect the same before the date of sale. This March 1st., 1917. P. T. STIERS, Trustee

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Letters Testamentary under the will of William C. Smith, deceased, having issued to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Rockingham County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make immediate payment; and to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them duly proven, to the undersigned for payment, on or before the 17th of February 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. JOSHUA R. SMITH, Executor William C. Smith, Deceased This February 17th, 1917. Hunter K. Penn, Attorney

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of John Adams Thomas, deceased, late of Rockingham County, N. C., I hereby notify all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate settlement. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them to the undersigned on or before March 23rd, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 17th day of March, 1917. (Mrs.) NANCY E. THOMAS, Admrx., John Adams Thomas, Deceased Hunter K. Penn, Attorney.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Joseph Richardson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties owing the said estate to come forward and make settlement at once; and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 19th day of February, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 19th of February, 1917. R. P. MITCHELL, Executor Of the Estate of Joseph Richardson.

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