

## RISE OF A PRINCESS.

Wife of Austria's Heir Recognized at Last by Emperor.

NOW KNOWN AS "HIGHNESS."

After Nine Years Francis Ferdinand's Morganatic Spouse is Honored by Her Husband's Uncle—Helped by the Kaiser.

By granting the title of "highness" to the Princess of Hohenberg, morganatic wife of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary, the old ruler of the dual monarchy, Emperor Francis Joseph, has renewed the discussion of the exact status of the princess and the possibility of her sitting on the throne with her husband, who is nephew and heir to the aged emperor. The princess and her husband will shortly visit the kaiser at Berlin, where they will receive great honors.

The kaiser is said to be responsible for the new honor accorded to the princess, although it is known that the aged Francis Joseph has been in a relenting mood for some time past, and chapters in what is now called "A Romance of International Love and Politics" seem to be written fast.

The children of this morganatic marriage are the Princess Sophia, aged eight; Prince Maximilian Charles, aged seven, and Prince Ernest, aged five.



PRINCESS OF HOHENBERG.

The kaiser's reasons for inducing the emperor to honor his heir's wife, according to the Austrian authorities, is due to a desire to promote better feelings toward Germany on the part of the new duchess, who has been a steadfast opponent of pan-Germanism.

Married to Archduke in 1900.

The wife of the heir to the Austrian throne is the daughter of Count Chotek, former Austrian ambassador to Belgium. At the time of her marriage to Francis Ferdinand, July 1, 1900, she received from the emperor the title Princess of Hohenberg.

Archduke Francis Joseph is the only heir to the throne in the history of Austria who contracted a morganatic marriage for the sake of his wife, who is a member of an old Bohemian family. The archduke for ten years resisted all the imperial efforts to marry him to a woman of his own rank. The emperor himself vainly endeavored to stop the marriage, but finally gave his consent. At the wedding the archduke took an oath that he would not declare his wife either empress or queen or his children as members of the imperial house. But now Hungarian lawyers say that this renunciation does not apply to Hungary and that the princess may become queen of that kingdom, which is part of the dual empire. Indeed, there are many in Austria who now believe that the renunciation will not be too rigidly adhered to in Austria, and that her highness, who was born Countess Sophia Chotek, may be empress as well as queen.

More Honors For the Princess.

It is understood in court circles that this evidence of the emperor's relenting after nine years of obduracy will be followed by other honors bestowed upon the once unrecognized morganatic wife of the Austrian heir.

The new duchess, it is understood, intends to approach the Vatican in an effort to induce the pope to annul the archbishop's vows of renunciation which stand between her elder son and succession to the Austrian throne.

## NEWS BY TELEPHONE.

American Company to Furnish Service Similar to European.

The Telephone Newspaper company of America, with offices in New York, announced that probably within a year's time it will be in a position to furnish subscribers with news of general interest, political happenings, baseball reports by innings and a score of other branches of current events by telephone to a subscriber's home.

While this is the first telephone newspaper company in this country, the plan of distributing news by telephone from central stations has met with more or less success in London, Paris, Vienna and Budapest. It is understood that the same general lines will be followed in America.

Manley M. Gillam, who will head the new company as president, said that the "newspaper" would try to supply its subscribers with every branch of news and as an added incentive will furnish during the evenings, while the opera season is on, a vocal and instrumental musical service. Patents controlling the appliance of transmitting and receiving news, he said, are owned by Cornelius Balassa, one of the directors of the company.

## MORE APPLES THIS YEAR.

Crop Exceeds That of 1908 by Twelve Million Barrels.

Thirty-five million barrels, or 12,000,000 barrels more than in 1908, is the estimated apple crop of the United States and Canada this season, according to Ren H. Rice, secretary-manager of the second national apple show in Spokane, Nov. 15 to 20. Mr. Rice said: "While the quality of the product east of the Mississippi river is not as good as last year, the crop will be much larger and probably more profitable. The yield in the states west of the Mississippi is lighter than in 1908, but the fruit is of a better grade."

The International Apple Shippers' association has issued an official statement that the crop in the New England states is 20 per cent in excess of 1908, while the yield in the central states is about 7 1/2 per cent below last year, and the middle western states report a crop double that of last season, when the yield was light.

Growers in the southern states report a crop of from 125 to 150 per cent larger than in 1908. The Pacific group will have a smaller crop than last year, but the decreases in Idaho, Washington and New Mexico are more than made up by the big yield in Colorado, so that the western crop will be fully as large as the previous season.

Losses are shown in reports from New York, New Hampshire, Kansas and Oklahoma. Michigan and Wisconsin and other states have gains. The Dominion of Canada, not including Nova Scotia, shows a gain of 75 per cent, and the crop in the province of Nova Scotia is fully as large as in 1908, when a bumper crop was harvested.

## BARRIE'S DIVORCE SUIT.

Action of Novelist-Dramatist a Surprise to His American Friends.

"If two people love each other neither has any right to give the other up" are words put by James M. Barrie into the mouth of one of his characters. The recent appearance of the novelist's name as a petitioner for a divorce seems to belie the sentiment, if it is really his and not that of his character.

Mr. Barrie was married in 1894 to Miss Mary Ansell, the actress, who appeared in his first play, "Walker London," which was produced seventeen years ago.

The news of his divorce suit came as a great shock to persons in America who have personal acquaintance with the Scotch author. The idea of divorce in connection with the author of "When a Man's Single" seemed incongruous and painful.

Mrs. Barrie has appeared little in public life. After her marriage she retired from the stage. Since then they have always appeared to be a most devoted couple. They had no children, but they adopted Miss Pauline Chase in place of a daughter of their own.

The wonderful grasp of feminine character which Mr. Barrie had shown in his books and plays has always been supposed to have been inspired in some degree by his perfect agreement with his wife.

## GERMAN COLONY IN TEXAS.

Foreign Companies Carrying Out Plans to Raise Cotton in Our South.

German and British spinners are putting into execution their threat to buy land and raise cotton in Texas. The sale of several tracts of land, aggregating nearly 250,000 acres, in southwest Texas to a Berlin firm led to the disclosure that German and English spinners are the actual purchasers and that they plan to buy more land upon which to grow cotton. Their agents hold options on several thousand acres, all in Frio, Lsaalle, Webb, Duval and McMullen counties.

Plans have been perfected for colonizing German cotton growers, who agree to sell their crops to the spinners direct.

The spinners contend that the grower will get a better average price for his product season by season than under present conditions. The details of the plan are not announced, but in some way the spinners will hold a sort of lien on the land to insure the sale to them of all cotton grown on it.

The first colony of about 300 German families will settle on the land about Jan. 1. The price of the land ranged from \$2 to \$20 an acre.

## FINDS WORKERS ALL RIGHT.

Young Millionaire Railroad Pays Respects to Fellow Workmen.

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This is what James Watson Webb, son of W. Seward Webb, grandson of the late W. H. Vanderbilt, who has spent a year in the yards and offices of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad in Milwaukee, learning railroad-ing "from the ground up," says most impressed him.

Same Name, Both Want Fortune.

Theodore Bunnell of Los Angeles left a will stipulating that \$10,000 be paid to William Probasco, son of Abraham Probasco, the beneficiary not being otherwise identified. Two William Probascos, sons of Abraham Probasco, one of Asbury Park, N. J., the other of Tippecanoe, Ind., have claimed the legacy.

## SIBERIA'S WEALTH.

Not the Frozen Realm Imagined by Americans.

RICH AND FERTILE COUNTRY

Our Consul in St. Petersburg Sends Interesting Facts About a Land Larger Than the United States, Including Alaska.

According to an official report made to the state department by James W. Ragsdale, United States consul in St. Petersburg, Siberia, Russia's great Asiatic realm, is far from being the frozen, barren country pictured to themselves by Americans when they hear its name.

In his report Mr. Ragsdale sets forth the results of his own observations made while traveling from Tientsin, China, to St. Petersburg. He presents a striking picture of the development of Siberia and the wonderful possibilities there.

Mr. Ragsdale comments on the ignorance that prevails throughout the world as to Siberia. He says those who have never visited the country have only exaggerated ideas gathered from descriptions that picture Siberia as a cold, barren waste swept by storms and of little value to any one.

"That the winters are long and cold there can be no doubt," he says, "but they are no worse than the winters in northern Canada, now being so rapidly settled by people from all parts of the world. The soil, too, of these vast territories is as rich and fertile as that of Canada and very much resembles the lands in the great states of Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, except that it is better watered and timbered."

Bigger Than the United States. Mr. Ragsdale reminds us that Siberia is an enormous territory, representing no less than 5,400,000 square miles, or much larger than the whole of the United States, including Alaska.

"The country is beautiful from every point of view and will some day be thickly populated. Here game is plentiful, and the trapper has a field that is rich in fur bearing animals, such as the black and other foxes, ermine, sable of all kinds, otter, mink, marten, weasel, squirrel, lynx and wolf. The furs of this locality find the best markets in China, the United States and England through the Pacific ports. A better article, found in Kamchatka and other parts of Siberia, is sent overland to Moscow, whence it is distributed to the whole of Russia, a considerable quantity finding its way to Leipzig."

Discussing the mines of Siberia, speaking of gold, Mr. Ragsdale says gold is known to exist in almost every district, both in quartz and placer, but the methods are poor. Improved methods would double the output. Exceedingly rich gold discoveries have recently been reported on the Siberian coast, a territory as large as California and Oregon. It is said these mines will prove as rich as the mines at Dawson and Nome. The find is near the mouth of the Aquatir river, which is about 100 miles directly west across the water from Nome. The output of gold alone from the Siberian mines for 1907, Mr. Ragsdale says, was valued at about \$26,000,000.

Rich in Precious Stones. It is believed the coal deposits will prove as extensive as those of China. Iron and miscellaneous minerals abound. Many of the mountains, especially the Urales, are exceedingly rich in precious stones.

Other features of the country as described by Mr. Ragsdale are the great navigable rivers, the abounding supply of fish, the prospects of rich exports and railroad development. Already thousands of tons of the finest butter are being sent to Denmark, Holland, Germany and England. It is of late shipped to China and Japan and even South Africa from Siberia.

## CHINAMAN FILES HIS WILL.

Only Testament in That Language Recorded in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

A will written on Chinese parchment and in Chinese characters was filed with Register Smith in Wilkesbarre, Pa. It was the will of the late Dong Lee of Freeland and is the only Chinese will ever filed in Wilkesbarre. It says:

May 4 (in English June 20), 1909. In the beginning, everything which I have or possess I give or transfer to my cousin, Dong Jong, for him to look after my business and have charge of everything I have. I do not know whether I will get well or not. If I die the funeral expenses are to be paid, and if there is anything left my cousin shall send to my father. I am going to New York to see a doctor and try and get well, and if I should come back I will look after the business myself, and if I should die everything is to be transferred to my cousin, Dong Jong, who is to receive my business. (Signed) DONG LEE (known as Sam Lee).

## LOBSTER OR DOGFISH?

One or the Other Must Go, According to Fisheries Bureau Head.

Whether the valuable lobster or the worthless dogfish of the waters of Rhode Island and Massachusetts is to be allowed to survive is a question that is receiving the careful attention of Commissioner Bowers of the bureau of fisheries.

The efforts of the bureau of fisheries to propagate the lobster so that it may become plentiful and cheap have been nullified to so great an extent by the voracious dogfish that Commissioner Bowers is contemplating placing a price upon the head of the marine nuisance.

## FATHER AGAINST SON.

Novel Contest Between the Gardeners For Buffalo Golf Championship.

Mr. W. Allen Gardner of the Country club of Buffalo won the city championship on the Park club links recently. The runner up was his seventeen-year-old son, Hamilton Gardner. This was the unique result of the play that eliminated all other contestants in a field of nearly 100 entrants. Never before in this country has a father faced his son in the final of a city championship contest. The unusual situation aroused the greatest interest among golfers, and the press of the city featured the match in prominent headlines.

Allen Gardner, the new champion, has for years been a star member of the Country club team and has played in many tournaments in this and other states as well as in Canada. His prowess as a golfer is well known, and from the first he was considered a likely candidate for championship honors in the city tournament. But no one thought of Hamilton in that connection. The youngster has been playing the game only a couple of years, but his advancement has been so rapid that his father openly confessed his fear of the result when the final test came.

That his fears were well grounded was shown at the very start of the match, when the boy won the first two holes and, after halving the third, won the fourth, making him 3 up. It looked very much at this stage as if the son was about to make a runaway game of it. He was clearly playing the better golf and showed absolute confidence, without a sign of nervousness. The large gallery that followed in the wake of the strangely matched pair, which was composed of Mr. Gardner's old golfing friends, could with difficulty refrain from chaffing the father on his impending defeat; but, of course, they restrained themselves, although their amusement must have been perfectly obvious to the exasperated sire.

Hamilton was 2 up at the turn and going as smoothly as silk. But at this juncture the "old man" took a mental brace and proceeded to close up the gap in the score. Right at the tenth hole he started his gait, winning it in 3 to Hamilton's 4. As the bogie is 5, it can be seen that the pair were straining every nerve. They went along in bogie to the twelfth, which Allen won in one stroke under the colonel's pattern. For the first time in the match they were all square. The "kid" took the thirteenth in 4, but Allen evened up by winning the next hole. The father annexed the next two holes and held this advantage to the end, winning by 2 up.—This ended the most novel contest for the city championship that Buffalo will ever see, in all probability.—American Golfer.

## HAVE YOUR CHILD TESTED.

Clark University Will Tell You if Anything is Wrong With It.

Secretary Henry S. Curtis, of the Child Conference for Research and Welfare instituted at Clark university at Worcester, Mass., as the first department of its kind in this country, is being flooded with inquiries from parents in all parts of the country who desire to have their children examined by the new methods.

The purpose of the department is to gather statistics as to the best methods of promoting the health, happiness and welfare of children and form child welfare organizations. The endeavor also will be to determine in what points children are weakest morally or physically.

The head of the department, directly under Dr. G. Stanley Hall, president of Clark university, is Dr. Curtis, formerly of Washington, who has been engaged all his life in child welfare work.

The department has not been long enough organized to show results, and it is not definitely known how it is to be received by the child welfare organizations of the country, but from the number of letters received lately concerning it Dr. Curtis thinks it will leap into popularity at once.

Parents who have children with physical or moral defects may have them examined. "The chief purpose of the organization," said Dr. Curtis, "is to correlate the work of child welfare institutions and especially to provide all workers in these various fields who desire it with the latest results of scientific child study that bear upon their work. One of the most valuable features of the work will be to provide parents, teachers and others who have the responsibility of the care of children with the results of the scientific study of children."

## SEWED UP FOR THE WINTER.

Foreign Mothers in Philadelphia Imitate the Eskimos.

"Foreign mothers in Philadelphia have made it a practice to sew their children's clothes so they would remain on all winter."

That was the statement made before the American Humane association in convention in St. Paul by Miss Mary F. Lovell of Philadelphia, who said that drastic steps had been necessary to stop the practice with regard to pupils in the public schools.

Englishwoman's Unique Honor.

Miss Ivy E. Woodward, M. D., has been admitted to full membership in the Royal College of Physicians of London. It is the first time in its history that this body has conferred the coveted M. R. C. P. upon a woman, although some women have obtained the L. R. C. P., which indicates that the holder has been licensed to practice medicine.

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