

MARRIAGE TO RICH SOLDIER IS ATTEMPTED

Tacoma Girl Confesses Role in Plot Forced Upon Her by Mother

DAUGHTER BREAKS DOWN

From Meeting at Dance in Church, Mother Tries to Tie Couple

TACOMA, Wash., March 16.—How blackmail is being practiced on soldiers of the Wild West division at Camp Lewis was revealed today through the confession of a Tacoma girl whose mother sought to use the Y. W. C. A. hostess house and the military authorities to force a marriage between her daughter and the son of a multi-millionaire serving in a private at the cantonment.

No names were given out, but the military authorities say that investigation thoroughly disproved the story told by the girl's mother, and that the girl finally broke down and confessed the plot, saying that she was forced to play the role she did by her mother.

The soldier first met the girl at

a dance in a Tacoma church. At the urgent request of the mother, he visited her at her home. The next time he saw the girl, she visited him at Camp Lewis, accompanied by her mother. She tried at another time to see him but he was in class.

Unable to see him, the girl finally called at the hostess house and told her story. She threatened to commit suicide unless the soldier married her. The secretary referred the case to division headquarters.

The young soldier was called up and questioned. He was forced to prove every statement by the testimony of two witnesses. A humorous angle developed in this part of the case. On the dates given by the girl, it was proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the soldier had been in quarantine for measles, and that he had been in quarantine from three days before the first date until five days after the last date. Doctors, hospital orderlies and nurses corroborated his statement.

The staff officer investigating found that the young man enlisted by special permission at the age of 19. By hard work and endeavor he had risen to a non-commissioned officership and finally had been appointed to the third officers training camp.

Under cross-examination the girl broke down, and between her sobs told how her mother had conspired to bring about the wedding. She also implicated a Japanese servant. There will be no prosecution, the military authorities say.

HIGHER WHEAT PRICE DEBATED

Hoover Would Cut Consumption; Senators Would Increase Production

WASHINGTON, March 16.—While the food administration was making plans today to meet the critical wheat shortage by a further reduction in consumption the senate again took up and debated legislation to increase production by raising the price on the 1918 crop.

The food administration was stirred to action by reports from the department of agriculture showing that the supply of wheat on farms and in country elevators is far less than it was a year ago.

The senate considered a bill by Senator Gore of Oklahoma to fix the price at \$2.50, or 30 cents a bushel more than set in a recent proclamation by President Wilson. In the house today also a bill was introduced by Representative Moran of Oklahoma to appropriate \$300,000,000 to compensate producers for the losses they sustained when the government established its 1917 price at a figure lower than the then market price.

Senator Williams of Mississippi, Democrat, opposed price fixing legislation, declaring farmers had been allowed a free market for their products.

Republican Committee To Meet Next Saturday

N. D. Elliott, secretary of the Marion County Republican Central committee, announces that a meeting of the committee will be held next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The meeting will probably be held at the court house. All Republican candidates for office who are to go before the voters at the primary elections are invited to attend the meeting.

TURN HAIR DARK WITH SAGE TEA

If Mixed with Sulphur It Darkens so Naturally Nobody Can Tell



The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening hair, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's recipe, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply rub it on your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

ROMANOFF LEADS DREARY LIFE IN CITY OF DEATH

Ex-Emperor of Russia Walks With Head Bent in Melancholy Manner

SECRET POLICE WATCH

Nicholas Would Be Horticulturist; Life Led by Wife Miserable

GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 28.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Nicholas Romanoff, who as emperor of Russia, once exercised sway over the fate of millions of Russians, leads a melancholy life at Tobolsk, the Siberian "city of death" to which he and his family are exiled, according to one of the Red Guard sentinels stationed at his home there.

"My life has always been that of a prisoner," the former emperor is quoted as saying. "It is not my former power that I regret, I have only one wish and that is to return to the Crimea and devote myself to horticulture."

Writing to a friend in this city, the Russian Red Guard said:

"The attitude of the emperor when he is alone is full of calm and simple dignity but as soon as he thinks that he is no longer observed he gives way and walks with bent head. His hair has become as white as snow and his face is filled with a painful melancholy. He is often seen at the window following his children with his eyes when they go out for a walk and furtively wipes away a tear."

Wife's Life Miserable.

"If the emperor shows resignation, it does not find an echo in his wife, Alexandra Alix. Everything in her present situation seems calculated to wound her and make her miserable. She was only allowed to take with her fifteen boxes of clothing. At first sight this may seem quite a considerable amount, but it must not be forgotten, that the whole wardrobe of five women and an emperor is contained therein. Therefore it is comprehensible that it would not suffice for an exile of long duration. To this must be added the impossibility of procuring any kind of clothing in Tobolsk. The princesses possess in all only four costumes, and are obliged to be contented with those. As regards their jewelry, they were forced to leave it all in Petrograd."

"The former empress occupies herself greatly with her children, but instead of encouraging them to be resigned, she strives the whole time to keep up in their memory the remembrance of the past. It is the impossibility of corresponding which revolts her the most. The few letters she receives are carefully censored beforehand by the officers of the 'body guard.' Her confidential friend is Madame Narzhikina, a former lady in waiting now living in Tobolsk, from whom the former empress has no secrets."

Secret Police Watch

"The princesses can move freely about the town, without any special surveillance, but naturally, not without being followed step by step by the secret police, who, however, perform their duty as discreetly as possible."

"On the contrary, the hair-apparatus is closely guarded, as the revolutionaries fear an abduction. He is escorted everywhere by the sailor Deremanko, a man of herculean stature, who once saved the prince's life at a hunt. He has not the right to go into town without being accompanied by a certain number of officers. The prince is in good health, but a slight limp betrays the stiffness of the right foot which is incurable."

"There is little to say about the life of the princesses. The Grand Duchess Olga, who is of a very serious nature, perhaps even gloomy, has become a nurse in a military hospital for convalescent Siberians, she receives a salary a day. The Grand Duchess Marie is learning shorthand and typewriting in order to help her father: in the editing of his memoirs. But up to the present the emperor has neither written nor dictated anything."

Accommodations Are Small.

"The ground floor of the residence of the former imperial family is occupied by a company of soldiers, ironically termed 'the emperor's bodyguard.' The remaining two stories from the apartment of the deposed monarch, Colonel Romanoff. It consists of four large and four small rooms, which are furnished in the simplest manner. There is no water laid on, no gas, no electricity, and no bath room. The servants are obliged to draw the necessary water from a well close by. The rooms are heated by means of primitive brick stoves. The largest room is only five yards in length, large in breadth. There are the spacious reception rooms of Petrohof and the Winter Palace, with their surcharged magnificence."

"There is no pleasing view in any direction from any of the windows. Nicholas and his wife are condemned on principle, to a life of seclusion; they are only allowed to leave the house in order to attend mass at a neighboring convent. The masters of the hour in Petrograd even consider the authorization to frequent the public baths once a week as quite an exceptional favor. On those occasions they are invariably escorted by four officers and a squadron of soldiers. It is these same officers, who take upon themselves the purchasing of the small household necessities, not wishing to entrust this duty to the imperial family's servants, a valet and three maids."

THOUSANDS OF TEXAS AVIATORS BUSY TRAINING

Airplanes, at First Curiosity, Now Are Commonplace in State

LOOPS ORDINARY TEST

Machines Take to Air in Face of Strong Winds; Buildings Feared

DALLAS, Texas, March 11.—No longer is it necessary for people to journey to some fair or carnival to see birdmen perform "stunts." With the coming of thousands of aviators to the several training camps for army flyers, airplanes have become very commonplace in Texas.

A half dozen big machines hovering over a Texas town no longer attract attention. Texans have come to regard the army flyers with their dives, loops, nose spins, and similar feats as very ordinary. In the rural districts the frequent cross country flights from Dallas to Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Waco, Houston and San Antonio, no longer send the barnyard flock hurrying to cover. Even the chickens have come to look upon the aviators and their big machines as everyday visitors.

Several machines were badly damaged when the advance guard of aviators began to make cross country flights.

Little Attention Attracted.

Today aviators alight at will and, aside from possibly a few passersby or play children, attract little if any attention.

Every aviation field has its official tester. This tester is the individual who makes the first flight with every new machine. Once he climbs into the air with a new machine he begins a series of "stunts," calculated to try out the planes that are to be used by the flying cadets. First he will make a dozen loops, then a nose spin, coming out to do a sudden dive, then a wide loop and finish with a turn on the wing.

"These tests," remarked the tester, a lieutenant at one of the fields near Dallas, "put an extraordinary strain upon every part of the machine. If it comes out all right, I put my O. K. on it and it's ready for use. If it doesn't—they will soon get another tester and instructor."

Every day dozens of huge shipping crates are hauled to the Texas aviation fields. Every field has its assembling plant where expert mechanics carefully uncrate the many parts and in a few days a new airplane is rolled into the field. Every inch of the Irish linen covered wings is gone over for any defects. Wire and connecting rods are jerked and submitted to a heavy weight. The steering mechanism is examined, the motor started and trained ears listen to its hum. If this preliminary test shows everything to be shipshape, the long brown craft with the red, white and blue stripes on the rudder is trundled further into the field, the tester mounts the seat, fastens the several straps that hold him in and sails away.

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With women on equal terms with the men, will there be such a thing as the "hoboette"?

Women's Shoes are Very Dainty

Graceful curves are features of the New Spring Models. Fabrics to suit the shades are often combined. Greys, Ivories and Tans are the prevailing colors and Duo-Shadow Combinations



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LEWIS LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON

State Engineer to Give Address at Salt Lake City While En Route

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Airplanes, at First Curiosity, Now Are Commonplace in State

John H. Lewis, state engineer, will leave for Washington, D. C., today, where he will take up with government officials important questions bearing upon Oregon reclamation projects. He will urge the immediate execution of the state's contract with the United States so that construction may begin at once on the Jordan Valley Carey act project of 46,000 acres in Malheur county.

The question of issuance of patents on the Central Oregon and Tumalo projects also will be taken up with a number of other questions affecting Central Oregon projects.

Mr. Lewis will give an address March 20 at Salt Lake City at a joint meeting of the Utah Society of Engineers and the Utah section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers on the subject of "Western Development and Its Relation to National Transportation Problems."

FACTS About Woolens

A few facts told by jobbers of woolen goods:

"The prices are high and the woolen market is in a frightful condition."
"Unable to duplicate samples near like those you sent, practical all staples are closed out."
"The fact that the Government has commandeered the woolen cut, it makes it almost impossible to care for the civilian trade."

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