

On and Off the Screen



One of these young ladies is Louise Fazenda. So is the other. The difference lies in the make-up. She puts her hair in pigtail for film comedies, the latest of which is "The Rural Cinderella."

A. SEMENOV WILL VISIT IN THE UNITED STATES

AMERICAN GIRL IS NOT BEAUTIFUL SAYS STARR

By EDNA LEE BOOKER, International News Service Staff Correspondent. SHANGHAI, China, Nov. 9.—Alaman Semenov, one of the earliest opponents of Bolshevism and the last of the great Russian leaders who fought for the old Russian monarchy, now in Shanghai, will sail for America shortly on a diplomatic mission of his own and hopes to return to Siberia early next Spring.

BY JAMES L. KILGALLEN (International News Service Staff Correspondent.) CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Are American women beautiful? "No!" emphatically declares Prof. Frederick Starr, head of the department of anthropology at the University of Chicago. "Positively no—especially the blondes." In any point of feminine pulchritude, he is reported to have told his classes, the American girl, blonde or brunette, does not compare with the dusky damsels of Liberia, the Korean sub-debs, "with their soft, silky, smooth yellow skins, or with the beautiful coloring of the Igorrotes."

Semenov, who is the Beau Brummel of Russia, is a compactly built man of average height with a round face, blue eyes, and a mustache which curls at the ends. He tells a fascinating story of his adventures and while talking adopts the pose of Napoleon. Napoleon is Semenov's idol, and so much does he desire to be like the great French leader that he has his pictures all taken with his hand within his coat in the famous posture of the great hero.

"Yes!" is the indignant counter claim of co-eds, clergymen, society leaders, actresses, artists and mere men. "Yes, our girls are the most beautiful in the world."

Throughout the East Semenov is famous for his beautiful wives, the magnificent jewels which he has showered upon them—he has been married a number of times—his private train of six armored cars with a roof garden at the end, his princely yacht and his daring exploits. He is one of the ten princes of Mongolia, and while he is only thirty-one years of age he looks an older due to his heavy build.

But first listen to the professor: "The trouble with us is that our American good nature makes us call any girl who is not phenomenally ugly, pretty. As a matter of fact, a handsome man or a beautiful woman is a rarity in these United States. The American race is too mongrel to evolve beautiful girls."

Fought Bolshevism. Semenov held out to the last ditch in his attempts to destroy the system of Bolshevism. A captain in the Imperial Russian army, he was wounded in the service of the Tsar on the Eastern front in the early days of the war against Germany. Following this he was decorated by the Emperor with all of the many decorations at the Tsar's command.

"Why—Why," gasped Mrs. Frederick D. Countess, society leader, "the most ravishingly, exquisitely beautiful women I ever saw were Americans. I love to look at them myself. Why doesn't Professor Starr go to Liberia?"

Not until July, 1917, did he waiver in his service in the war zone. Then, when the first rising of the Bolsheviks occurred he hastened to Petrograd, sounding a warning to Premier Kerensky of the potential strength shown by the new revolutionary party whose first uprising had been put down by the efforts of the Cossacks.

Louis Petts, society portrait artist, said American women are "most dazzling beautiful of all—they have life vivacity, charm and grace." He said he painted all over Europe and saw nothing to equal the girls of the U. S. A.

He fought to the last against the Bolsheviks and when they gained control he formed a Semenov army and began a long period of guerrilla warfare on them. He declares that his loss of power in Siberia is entirely due to the fact that the people are demoralized by Bolshevism and by the bad character of its citizens, who are in the main ex-criminals who have been released from confinement on the island of Naghalen and elsewhere.

And Alderman John J. ("Bathhouse John") Coughlin, Beau Brummel of the City Council, spoke thus: "Say, our girls have class. Other girls leave off where American girls begin."

The ambition and dream of Semenov is not an independent state in the far east, but only an independent Siberia so long as the Bolsheviks rule Moscow. He recognizes that it is from European Russia that a regenerated nation must be directed. He believes that once peace is brought to Siberia foreign capital can be secured for the development of its economic resources, and that if Siberia grows prosperous under a non-Bolshevik government he would deliver against Lenin and his followers the heaviest blow possible, since the believers in Bolshevism would then have before their eyes the contrast of the two systems. That this will ultimately come about Semenov supporters are confident.

"Being a blonde myself," said Mrs. James Ward Thorne, "I really believe I had better keep still on this question." The Rev. Norman Hutten, pastor of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, said American men are not "woofing" when they praise the attractiveness of their women.

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