

SWEDEN IS DUPED

Russian Grand Duchess Marries Into Royal Family to Play the Spy.

The following story of the way Russia "put one over" on Sweden a few years before the war we find in the Portland Oregonian. It is an interesting revelation of the sort of plots and intrigues that prevail in countries where princes rather than people rule, and shows to what lengths even grandduchesses will go to help their governments. And it will be of especial interest to our Scandinavian readers:

What was one of the choice bits of royal scandal four or five years ago has risen again to plague the patriotism of the Swedish colony of Portland with the arrival from Sweden of late letters that have trickled through the blockade.

The now celebrated marriage of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden and Marie Pavlovna, Grand Duchess of Russia, in 1908, and their subsequent divorce following the mysterious flight of the Princess in 1914, has come home to the common folk of Sweden, the letters infer, as a brilliant diplomatic coup of the Russian government, by which Sweden's essential state secrets were wrested from her. The Grand Duchess, in the eyes of the Swedish people, has proved herself one of Russia's most brilliant spies, and carted off to St. Petersburg as valuable a lot of photographs and first-hand information as ever a spy tucked away or unfolded before a ruler.

Charles Steinmetz has just received letters from his native land, telling of the apprehension caused in Stockholm by the latest European war developments. Officials of state have let it be known that Russia is in possession of defensive secrets of Sweden, through the unhappy alliance of 1908.

The Grand Duchess, as a Swedish Princess after her marriage to Wilhelm, had access to the "Key to Sweden," and was allowed to take numberless photographs of fortifications and otherwise gather valuable information of armaments and defense.

The facts are said to be these: The Russian government was aggressive in arranging the marriage between the Grand Duchess Maria Pavlovna of Russia and Prince Wilhelm of Sweden. This was in 1908. Within a year and a half from that time a son, Prince Lennart, had been born and soon afterwards the Princess, preceded a few hours by the Russian Minister to Sweden, M. Sassenoff, fled to St. Petersburg, going by way of France. Just as she was leaving she was requested to return certain photographs she was known to have taken. She replied they were safely in St. Petersburg and figuratively snapped her fingers in the face of the Swedish official.

No explanation, at least no satisfactory explanation, as to why she deserted Prince Wilhelm has ever been made, so that the common people of Sweden could understand. Recent events and developments in the attitude of Russia have caused the facts surrounding the episode to become more or less general information in Sweden now, and it is being transmitted to the Swedish residents of the United States.

"Our people at home now feel certain that when the princess fled just before the war in 1914 she carried many of our defensive secrets," said Mr. Steinmetz. "Russia knows that Sweden knows her secrets have been stolen, which accounts for Sweden's particular efforts to remain out of the war. Recent letters that have reached us from the old home tell of the popular unrest when this knowledge became widely known. Most of the Swedish people in Portland are Americans now. I am an American, but pride in our native land prompts us to feel disturbed over the actual disclosures of facts long since suspected.

"The Russian Grand Duchess simply became a brilliant spy for Russia. The marriage was simply a step in Russia's espionage program. These facts will make it a little more apparent to American people in just what attitude Sweden stands. We—that is our relatives back home—feel that Russia will use these secrets when the time comes and Finland will become a matter of controversy again. At the time of the Princess' flight, Sassenoff, the Minister from Russia, took 'French leave' on the Finnish steamer Chihonna and, as all these things are gradually being learned by the common people at home, the apprehension is really great."

Mr. Steinmetz says there are more than 25,000 Swedes in Oregon who are watching the turn of events abroad with much keener interest than might be expected. Sweden is much more disturbed than is indicated, he says.

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Ed Ellingsen's Invention.

The following from the Bandon World will interest Mr. Ellingsen's friends here:

An invention of considerable merit has just been jointly completed by D. C. Haworth, of the Bandon Iron Works, and Edwin Ellingsen, of Coquille. The device has been patented.

The invention is a ship clamp, to be used in clamping down the heavy timbers while making the curves, etc., in the construction of wooden ships. By using the device of the local inventors at least 25 per cent in labor costs may be eliminated in certain operations connected with ship construction.

The clamp consists of a ratchet-operated jackscrew with a specially formed clamp, so that it may be clamped readily to a timber or pole, and the greater the pressure applied, the harder the device will grip. In giving it a tryout at the Bandon Iron Works this week, Mr. Haworth placed the foot of the screw against a 4x10 inch timber, and the clamp in place on a heavy beam similar to a ship's timber. When the pressure was applied by means of the ratchet the 4x10 was easily broken in two.

At this time, on the eve as it were, of the greatest development in the history of the country in wooden ship construction, Messrs. Haworth and Ellingsen consider their invention of exceptional value. They judge that thousands of the devices may be readily sold, and are planning to commence manufacturing the clamp at the local plant in a short while for the trade. Without a doubt the invention, if developed on the scale anticipated, will prove the establishment of a thriving industry here in its manufacture. The use of the device will not necessarily be confined to the ship building industry, but with adjustments may be used in hundreds of ways where a reliable clamp of its nature is desired.

Brooklyn Goes Bone Dry.

How the Brooklyn went "bone dry" is told in the following story which we clip from the Bandon World:

About a thousand pounds of booze—whiskey, wine, beer, etc.—put up in bottles, jugs, demijohns and other receptacles, was heaved overboard by Captain Harold M. Martinson, temporarily master of the steamer Brooklyn, as she was approaching the entrance to the local port enroute from San Francisco last evening. The cache, which was valued at several hundred dollars, was found in the steward's quarters by Captain Martinson after making a thorough search of the ship, the search commencing when about off Cape Blanco. Between eight and ten cases of "bottled in bond" goods, about the same number of cases of beer, a dozen or more gunny sacks, each having between 40 and 60 bottles of beer and a number of other containers made up the haul, and all of this was buried in the deep, piece by piece, between the Cape and Bandon.

Capt. Martinson to a World reporter stated that he had beforehand inquired of the crew if there was any booze aboard but being informed that there was not, he decided to head that good old slogan "safety first," and started out to see for himself. He stated that as long as he is master of the ship, the Brooklyn will be as dry as the Sahara desert.

No sooner had word leaked out here that King Booze had walked the gang plank off the local shore, than a number of thirsty beachcombers were seen to start out both north and south to patrol the strands in the hope of being able to rescue a package or two that might be washed ashore. As yet no finds have been reported.

Spruce For Aeroplanes.

Richard C. Jones, who represents the VanArsdale Harris Lumber Company, of San Francisco, was at Bandon the first of the week and contracted with the Moore and Prosper mills for a lot of spruce and white cedar and then went over to the Bay to find men. He expects to contract for 500,000 feet of these high priced woods.

He says that the price paid for spruce has more than doubled in the past five months because of the demand for this material in the construction of aeroplanes. Formerly it was selling at about \$35 a thousand and it has now reached \$70 and even \$100.

From the western ports, Portland, Seattle, Willapa and Grays Harbor he states about 50 million feet has been shipped within the last ten months to the Allied countries for aeroplane manufacture.

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As the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company (the Bell line) across the line from Roseburg to Myrtle Point and operates it in connection with the Coos-Curry line from Roseburg to Marshfield, the following echo of war preparedness along these lines, copied from the Roseburg News, will, we are sure, be read with interest by the residents of this valley:

That the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is making preparations to transmit government orders in the case of eventualities is evidenced by a communication received here. The company is preparing an estimate of the number of men needed and the amount of money necessary to organize a patrol system to keep the lines in constant working order.

The plan is to establish stations at a distance apart which will enable linemen to reach any point within 90 minutes from the time that communication ceases, and within that time have all repairs made and the line again in working order. It will be necessary to establish many hundreds of men along the long distance lines if this plan is followed at an enormous expense. The communication gave no further information except that this plan is being considered and that it will probably be adopted in case of eventualities.

The telephone has proven a very satisfactory method of sending out military messages as they can be spread broadcast within a very few moments of time. Orders have already been issued to find out what phones are to be used for military purposes and to give precedence to all military orders. The long distance telephone lines extend to all parts of the country and if patrolled in order to prevent breaks will form an excellent means of carrying on maneuvers and keeping in touch with the situation in all parts of the country.

Changes in Game Laws.

Deputy Game Warden Thomas has been receiving letters, calling attention to some of the more important changes in the game laws of the state. In these letters it is pointed out that after the new game laws go into effect May 21, the price of game licenses will be increased from the present rate of \$1 each for the hunting and fishing licenses to \$1.50 for each. Provision is made that both women and men shall take out the licenses.

The deer law was amended to make it unlawful to use a dog to hunt, pursue, or kill any game animal in the state, and it is also unlawful to allow any free running dog at large in territory inhabited by deer, or to be found following the track of any game animal in the state. The deer season in game district No. 1, which includes Coos county, is from August 15 to October 15, and the limit of the bag is two, instead of three as heretofore.

The open season on all migratory birds extends from October 1 to January 15. The bag limit on trout has been changed throughout the state from 75 to 50 trout, or 35 pounds, in any one day.

Game breeders' permits will hereafter cost \$2 instead of being issued free as heretofore.

Best Cow in Curry.

A. A. Jamieson has a Jersey cow, says the Port Orford Tribune, that has tested higher for butter fat than any cow that has yet been heard from in that section. According to Mr. Jamieson, the official tester of northern Curry, the milk from this cow tests eight and four-tenths per cent butter fat. It is an exceptionally good cow that tests six per cent and in one that goes nearly two and a half per cent higher than this Port Orford believes it has found a record holder, for the county at least. If we can't produce the biggest hen eggs, or show the youngest eighth grade graduate, we are going after the cow record, and will claim it until someone shows a better one.

\$120 Express Bill.

The congestion of freight traffic in the middle west is causing a great deal of extra expense to coast manufacturing plants, as rush shipments must be made via express. The Moore Mill & Lumber company this week received a piece of machinery from Chicago which, owing to the freight delays, had to be shipped by express, bringing the shipping cost up to \$120.—Bandon World.

Myrtle Point Has Youngest.

Myrtle Point has both Port Orford and North Bend bested in the matter of youngest eighth grade graduates says the Enterprise. In the Myrtle Point schools, Miss Alice Dement daughter of Mayor and Mrs. W. Taylor Dement, finished the eighth grade work when she was two months under twelve years.

Scout Lesson.

Thanks to a lesson learned during his training with the Boy Scouts, says the Coos Bay Times, the 15-year old son of A. R. Mercer, of Cooson, Robert Mercer, still retains the first finger of his left hand. While cutting wood Saturday the axe which he was using slipped and completely severed the first joint of the digit finger on his left hand. Remembering instructions he had received some time ago, the boy secured several matches and, placing the end of his finger in position, utilized the matches as splints, and had his finger bound up, afterwards carefully drawing the two edges of the severed finger joint together. He then came over to North Bend where Dr. Kaiser assured him that there was no danger of septic poisoning and told the boy that his first-aid treatment had undoubtedly saved the finger.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of S. M. Kirkpatrick, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor and the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Coos County has fixed Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1917, at the county court room in the county court house in the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published March 2nd, 1917.

M. O. Hooton, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of S. M. Kirkpatrick, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has, by order of the County Court of Coos County, Oregon, been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Margaret A. Hudson, deceased; and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified that they are required to present same, duly verified, and with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at the office of A. J. Sherwood in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1917.

C. D. Hudson, Administrator of the Estate of Margaret A. Hudson, deceased. 765

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