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REDS PROBE STORY OF GIRL WHO AVERS SHE IS "MURDERED" DAUGHTER OF CZAR

By Jackson Y. Jacobs, Central Press Correspondent.
BERLIN, July—Dead or alive? In the official records of the soviet government, Anastasia, youngest daughter of Nicholas, last czar of all the Russias, is dead. The records show that she was slain by the same hands that killed her imperial father, her mother, her brother and her sisters.

But there is in Berlin, in hiding, a young woman who claims she is Anastasia. She tells a thrilling story of an escape from the palace where the royal family was imprisoned, and of great hardships endured in making her way from Russia to Germany, disguised as a peasant. The young woman managed to obtain an interview with the former Crown Princess Cecelle of Prussia recently, and before she had left convinced the Hohenzollern princess that her visitor was Grand Duchess Anastasia, youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas.

Others Persuaded, Too. Princess Cecelle called in Prince Oscar, who has many friends among the noble Russian emigres, and he too left persuaded that the young woman's story was true.

Since Princess Cecelle was an intimate friend with the old Russian court and visited the Romanoffs less than two years before the outbreak of the war, her acceptance virtually settled the matter as far as her own routine is concerned. Immediately the young visitor was accepted and given homage as one of royal blood. Prince Oscar then began to sound his friends among the emigres. These without exception, evinced the utmost scepticism. Princess Cecelle, however, informed her friends that if the Russians did not succeed in breaking down the story of the young woman, the latter would be given a home at Oels, the crown prince's estate.



Grand Duchess Anastasia of Russia, from a photograph taken about two years before her supposed death.

Sure She's Dead.

Firm in the belief that the visitor was an adventuress and impostor, the emigres here wrote to Zenseda Tolstol, wife of an officer of the Russian imperial guard, who was an intimate friend of the Romanoffs and corresponded with them while the latter were in exile in Siberia.

In the past, Mme. Tolstol was instrumental in unmasking as fraudulent the pretensions of a young woman who said she was the Princess Tatayana.

Red authorities are also investigating, although they are "sure" Anastasia is dead.

NEARLY THOUSAND NEW SETTLERS IN OREGON IN YEAR

PORTLAND, July 23.—The past week has been a lively one for new settlers in the land settlement department of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Marion county has reported 155 out of the state arrivals since January, and Lane county has submitted a like list of 24 since June first. Klamath county has just sent in the names of six farmers from Bishop, California, who have bought farms in that section of southern Oregon during the past month. Nine other new settlers have been reported into the department during the past month. Nine other new settlers have been reported into the department during the past week, making a total of 235.

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Baffin Island: North America's Mystery

WASHINGTON, D. C., July—Baffin Island, which U. S. navy planes of the MacMillan Arctic expedition will explore, is one of the least known regions of North America, according to the following bulletin from the National Geographic Society, the society under whose auspices the expedition will work:

"Frobisher discovered the southern point of Baffin Island 349 years ago," says the bulletin. "North America in those three and a half centuries, has acquired civilization and 129,000,000 people, but scarcely anything more is known of Baffin Island than what the old sea captain himself discovered.

A Quaint Description. "Mountaynes, in most parts covered with snow," so Frobisher describes the southern extremity. Modern discovery confirms this and his further belief that "the northern lands have lesser store of snow, more grass and more playne countreys." His descriptions of the birds and beasts and of the Eskimos, their character, implements and boats, fits precisely with our 1925 estimate.

"Yet Frobisher touched only one corner of this vast island and his successors scarcely more than the shore, so a vast virgin field awaits the expedition's cameras.

"Baffin Island is the third largest island in the world, Australia and Greenland surpassing it. Resolution Island, off the southern point of Baffin Island, is about on a latitude of the southern shore line of Alaska and of Oslo, capital of Norway and Leningrad. But Baffin Island is more than one thousand miles in length, so its northern latitude is five hundred miles north of both Hammerfest, at the top of Scandinavia, and Point Barrow, Alaska. Baffin Island has resisted thorough exploration by virtue of its vastness. It is larger than any state of the United States except Texas and would make almost four New Englands.

Region of "Great Lakes." "A lake nearly as large as Ontario is one of the island's features. Angmakjuk, 'the great water,' in Eskimo language, is 120 miles long and 40 miles wide. It is, however, only one of the 'Great Lakes' of Baffin Island. There are also Teeseyakjuk Lake and Lake Netselik. The latter may be larger than Angmakjuk.

"These lakes offer one of the few places for safe water landings for planes to be found anywhere in the Arctic. Floating ice is an ever present danger in the sea but the high temperatures of the warmed lake water eliminate this hazard.

Fish Through Igloo Floors. "South Sea Islands are supposed to afford a life of magnificent ease in contrast with the Arctic, since there a family can live on the fruit of three trees. Baffin Island Eskimos, however, have improved on this handy commissary. In the winter they build their igloos on the lakes, cut a hole through the parlor floor and fish for their dinner. The Eskimo population is placed at 670.

"Rivers and lakes of the island are well stocked with fish, notably sea trout and speckled trout. The Arctic hare, wolves and white and blue foxes are found. The foxes apparently live on mice of various kinds. Reindeer are numerous and a few musk oxen are believed to inhabit the northern section.

Commander MacMillan believes that Baffin Island may contain the mysterious home of the blue goose. It is known that the trumpeter swan and the common elder breed on Nottingham Island, at the mouth of Hudson Bay, but the breeding ground of the blue geese, whose flying wedges, hooting across the spring sky are so familiar to North Amer-

ica, has never been discovered. Should this home be discovered, it will open up a virgin field for an important ornithological study. No danger of the planes colliding with great flocks of frightened birds is anticipated, since similar geese breeding in islands north of Siberia lose their power of flight because of molting during the nesting season.

Flowers and Butterflies Abound. "For delightful summer climate a person would not go to the seashore of Baffin Island, but inland. Currents bearing icebergs and chilled by melting ice make the coast cool and damp. Inland, within the shelter of the rocks, the sun beats down for long hours of the Arctic day. Brilliant flowers blossom, butterflies enliven the warmed rocks, and even the pestiferous summer flies irritate modern explorers just as much as they did Frobisher.

"Like the Americas, Baffin Island takes its name, not from its discoverer, but from a later explorer, William Baffin. Baffin never led an expedition to its shores, but his scientific observations made as pilot on three important ventures into the 'northwest' earned him the honor of having the great island, as well as the big bay between north Greenland and Baffin Island, named after him. His most remarkable voyage was with Robert Bylot, ship master, through Davis strait, now the high road to north Greenland, and into Baffin bay, which had never been seen by white men before.

"At the top of the bay, Baffin noted down the great declination of the compass, the greatest discovery up to that time. Three merchant adventurers of London's fleet, who sent this expedition and many others to plant the British flag in new soil, are memorialized in guide posts to the Arctic left by this expedition: Lancaster Sound for Sir James Lancaster, boundary to Baffin Island on the northwest; Jones Sound, farther north, for Sir Francis Jones; and Smith Sound, on which Etah lies, for Sir Thomas Smith.

A Land of Many Parts. "Baffin Island is virtually a land of many lands. Within its shores are Penny Land, Cumberland, Hopner Land, Greenwood Land, Cockburn Land, Fox Land, Prince William Land, Milne Land and Meta Inognita. So sprawled out is the island with points and promontories that a succession of explorers discovered various parts independently. With the wish father to the thought, they christened their find a 'land.' Later exploration has tied all these diverse 'lands' into one island, Baffin Island.

"It is easy to guess that Meta Inognita, the odd name for southernmost Baffin Island is the little joke of Queen Elizabeth, for she bestowed it. Discoveries were as common as rain in her age when civilization was first going into high gear. Land bodies sprang up on maps like mushrooms. 'Queen Bess' was bored, perhaps, when the caparisoned and courtly Frobisher sought audience to lay his latest find at her feet.

"What manner of land is this?" she probably asked.

"With an explorer's pride of discovery he undoubtedly told with fervor of the 'mountaynes' in most parts covered with snow, the absence of trees, and the handful of Eskimo inhabitants. Would her gracious majesty choose to give a name to this new found land? Her majesty would. There must have been a twinkle in the royal eyes as she named it Meta Inognita, meaning 'beyond the unknown.'

"But Queen Elizabeth's joke is still good and not until the U. S. navy airplanes have surveyed it, will Baffin Island be 'beyond the unknown.'

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