

THE TRAGIC STORY OF AUSTRIAN GIRL AS A 'CINDERELLA'

The tragic story of Rosa Wittner, Vienna's prettiest mannequin, just failed to be one of those modern fairy tales in which Prince Charming meets a very poor but very beautiful girl, falls in love with her at first sight and takes her home to his grand castle as his wedded wife. The heroine of the story was poor and pretty; her Prince Charming, Baron Richard von Geymuller, was handsome and wealthy, and his ancestral castle in Kamenitz, Czechoslovakia, was a fitting scene to receive his new mistress in stately splendor. Yet Rosa Wittner entered the medieval castle of Baron Geymuller with a revolver in her hand—and quitted it, after a fierce gun battle with the gendarmes, on a stretcher, bleeding from fatal wounds. A strong twist of fate turned her beautiful romance into a grim tragedy.

Until she met Baron Geymuller, young Rosa Wittner had lived a drab, uneventful life, working nine hours a day in one of Vienna's fashionable shops for a monthly salary of less than \$25.

But Rosa Wittner wasn't the sort of girl to make friends too easily or to accept invitations from gentlemen who would never think of marrying a poor mannequin. She was an orphan, who had lost her parents in childhood, and was accustomed to making out a living by hard work and without help. She had no family, no intimate friends.

One day a tall, handsome, elegantly dressed young man came to the store where Rosa worked. He wanted to buy a fur coat as a surprise gift for his sister. He complimented Rosa, and she blushed. He tarried two hours in the store, and finally asked Rosa if she would like to go to the opera. Rosa looked at him, and answered somewhat brusquely:

"Yes, I would like to. But I am not accustomed to accepting invitations from strangers."

The young man apologized. Of course he was a stranger to her. But he would be glad to introduce himself—Baron Richard von Geymuller, alone in Vienna, owning an estate in Czechoslovakia and a house in Kamenitz, and spending only a few months every year in the capital. Would Rosa accept his card? . . . And whenever she might care to spend an evening in his company she had only to give him a ring.

Rosa took the card, expressed polite appreciation, and the baron departed.

A few nights later Rosa left the store at 7 o'clock. Before she went home she called up Baron Geymuller. She felt so lonely, she told him, that if the baron would like to spend the evening with her . . .

Half an hour later Baron Geymuller's motor car appeared before the house where Rosa lived and took her off for a happy evening. When she returned she had changed her mind about the drabness of life.

Planned To Wed

But when at last the baron had to leave Vienna he asked Rosa what she thought of marrying him. Rosa answered only by smiling happily. At parting they agreed that immediately after Baron Geymuller's return to Vienna they would talk over details.

When Baron Geymuller returned to Vienna a month later he seemed to be worried. He confessed that his family had been shocked at the idea of Baron Richard marrying a mannequin. He proposed that Rosa should give up her position to take a course of education, and wait a few months. Rosa declared she would accept nothing from him as long as she was not his wife, but would wait for him just the same.

Four weeks later the baron went to Czechoslovakia to spend a few weeks on the estate of his brother. He felt sure he could induce his brother and sister to change their minds about his marriage plans.

Only a few days had passed after Baron Geymuller's departure when the store where Rosa worked went

MASSACHUSETTS TOMBSTONE BECOMES SHRINE



Attracted by reports of miraculous cures, thousands of persons have visited the tomb of Father Patrick Power at Holy Cross cemetery, Malden, Mass. Here are some of the thousands of pilgrims who stood in line in order to touch the tombstone. Flowers, jewels and sacred objects are heaped on the tomb.

into bankruptcy, and it proved impossible for her to obtain another job. She had no money, no position, and her fiancé was absent. In desperate circumstances, she decided to go to him.

A Different World

When Rosa arrived at the Geymuller estate a festive company of young people were spending the week-end there. Baron Richard was surprised and embarrassed, but said he was glad to see his sweetheart.

They all were very civil to Rosa, but somehow she felt herself out of place among these people, who belonged to a different world from her own. She could not even join in their conversation.

Baron Richard comforted her with the assurance that they would be married very soon. In two weeks he would be home at Kamenitz castle, and there the wedding would take place. He gave her money to buy everything needed, and fixed the day when he would expect her at Kamenitz.

Exactly two weeks later Rosa Wittner arrived at Kamenitz, a village near Prague. The servants told her that Baron Richard was out, but that he had left a letter for her.

Rosa opened the letter with trembling hands, and almost fainted when she read its contents. The fiancé wrote that he could not marry her. He had found it would be impossible to introduce her in the society he frequented, and he did not have the courage to enter upon a long battle with his family and friends. All this he did not dare tell Rosa face to face, but he hoped she would understand.

There was a good-sized check enclosed in the letter. Rosa Wittner staggered to the carriage. There seemed to be but one way out for her: death. In Prague she bought a revolver and went to a hotel, determined to kill herself. Yet she would like to see Baron Richard once more—just to say good-by.

To A Tragic End

Next morning she hired a car and drove again to Kamenitz castle for a last farewell. The servants told her the baron was not at home. Then, Rosa realized, she would wait until he returned. They refused her entrance.

"So, the baron is at home?" cried Rosa, and she tried to push past the lackeys. Three men servants ran after her, but before they could overtake her she entered a room on the ground floor and closed the door. They threatened to break in and eject her.

"And I will shoot anyone who enters!" was her defiance.

The servants held a council of war and telephoned for a gendarme. He came and found Rosa Wittner barricaded in the room. All exhortations were futile. The gendarme telephoned for reinforcements and three more officers came. They started to break down the door, but Rosa sent a shot through the wooden panel, wounding one of the gendarmes.

Tissues, taken from a fowl seventeen years ago, still are kept alive by Dr. Alexis Carrell of the Rockefeller Institute of New York. The tissues taken from the heart of a chicken are kept in a vault maintained at about blood heat, and not only live but grow so fast under rigid conditions affording proper heat, light, moisture and food, that they must be trimmed frequently.

Pink oysters, after undergoing ten years of examination, have been given a clean bill of health by the state of New York. Chemists found the pink oysters to be as wholesome as those of normal color, while previously, dealers often destroyed consignments of pink oysters, believing them unfit for food.

Ico-cooled railroad passenger cars have been tested successfully in France. An electric fan in the passenger coach blows air through a chamber filled with about half a ton of ice, the draft being controlled by a filter and cool the air. During tests, the temperature outside registered from ninety-three to ninety-five degrees, but the passengers were cool and comfortable.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

ZURICH (AP)—Switzerland is rapidly becoming electrified, even in the homes. There is some sort of a domestic electric appliance—percolator, stove, iron or curling tongs—for every third person in the republic.

COLOGNE (AP)—The Cologne cathedral, one of the noted Gothic edifices of the world, is to undergo an exterior cleaning that will require three years' work. Some 5,000 turrets will be scraped.

Pilgrimages to Grave of Priest Rival Crowds at Famous Shrines of Europe; 200,000 Visitors Sunday

MALDEN, Mass., Nov. 18.—(AP)—The famous Catholic shrines of our Lady of Lourdes and Sainte Anne de Beaupre are recalled by people here with the ever-increasing pilgrimage of thousands to the 60-year-old grave of a young obscure priest, the Rev. Patrick J. Power.

Two hundred thousand came to the Holy Cross cemetery yesterday, city and police officials estimated. In the throng was Mayor-Elect James M. Curley of Boston, who prayed for the recovery of his sick wife and later returned with her to kneel at the tomb in a drizzling rain at nightfall.

Reputed cures of physically afflicted during the past three weeks have drawn the multitude. On the first Sunday of the month 19,000 came, on last Sunday ten times that number, during the week days 10,000 to 50,000 and on Armistice day 50,000 gathered.

For years occasional cases of healing have been reported there but no great demonstrations have followed. The recent reported healing of a young Boston girl with the publication of her story, believed to have started the pilgrimage. More reputed cures were reported yesterday.

All day long and late into the night two lines of visitors, among them blind and crippled men and women, invalids on stretchers, diseased persons, both young and old

They returned the fire, and for five minutes the horrified servants heard a terrific barrage. At last the door yielded, and the gendarmes entered to find Rosa Wittner lying desperately wounded on the floor. An hour later she died.

The funeral was held at the expense of the Geymuller family. The unhappy mannequin, lonely to the last, was carried to the grave without a single mourner. Baron Richard having departed two days previously for France.

Scientific Notes

Long eyelashes, generally considered a mark of beauty, have been found by a Japanese physician to be a sign of ill health in many cases. After a two-year study, the doctor came to the conclusion that most children in poor health have long eyelashes.

"Konek" is the name applied to a new metal which is being used extensively as a substitute for platinum in the manufacture of filaments for radio tubes. It is credited with being much stronger than other metals at high temperatures and can be used in the moving parts of internal-combustion engines and other extremely hot places.

Setting out plants is simplified by a garden tool which prepares the hole to receive the plant while the operator remains in an upright position. The base of the planter is shaped like an inverted cone and is adjusted to a rod with an axle similar to a brace, which, when revolved in the dirt, makes the required opening.

Slower landing speed with resulting decrease in the shock and improved maneuverability are features claimed for a triangular parachute developed by Major E. L. Hoffman and tested with satisfactory results at Wright Field, the Cleveland airport, and other places.

Mounted on a large wheel that is revolved by a crank in a still larger wheel, Hollywood has a moving-picture camera that photographs from any angle or position in which it is placed. It is powered by motor and may be used, for instance, to create the illusion of a topsy-turvy world by exposing the film as it is revolved.

Colored light may be made to sway, bend, and sweep over displays or buildings by a control mechanism like a piano play roll, the perforated paper fed into the apparatus making the color combinations.

Heating water where the usual facilities are unavailable is simplified with a small electric outfit which is so compact that it may be carried easily in a pocket or traveling bag. The heater operates quickly, as it is placed directly into the water. It is constructed of aluminum, and the manufacturers claim there are no parts to get out of order.

BAPTIST CHURCH HAS BIG ATTENDANCE FOR DR. LAUGHLIN SERMON

A large crowd greeted Dr. G. G. Laughlin at the First Baptist church services yesterday. Dr. Laughlin's morning sermon subject was "Preparation for Revival," and his subject last night was "Prevailing Prayer."

The speaker said that in order to prevail with God and get results from our prayers we must first do four things: Get on good terms with God, on good terms with his son Jesus Christ, on good terms with the Holy Spirit and in order to prevail with God, Son and the Holy Spirit we must first get on good terms with one another and if we comply with these, then a real blessing and great revival is bound to come.

Dr. Laughlin's subject tonight will be, "Bringing Success Out of Failure."

This afternoon Dr. Laughlin will organize the "Million Dollar Chorus," which will make first appearance tomorrow night. Medford is declared fortunate in getting Dr. Laughlin's services at this time as he is in great demand among the Baptist churches of the state. Services will continue every night except Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE SQUAD IS SELECTED

The six students chosen to represent Medford high school in the inter-scholastic debates which will be held with Grants Pass and Ashland a short time after Christmas are Laura Drury, George Winne, William Dougherty, seniors; Barbara Drury, junior; George Bennett, sophomore, and Adra Edwards, freshman.

The selections were made on basis of previous experience, showing in interscholastic debates, and potential qualities necessary to develop into polished speakers. Ralph R. Bailey, instructor in history, public speaking and civics is director of the debate squad.

The winner of the southern Oregon district will compete with other district winners for the state championship. This district will debate on "That the foreign nations should abandon their extraterritorial policies in China."

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