

Woman's Claim as Daughter of Russian Czar Gains Support

Hamburg, Germany — UPI — Prof. Otto Reche, Germany's foremost expert on anthropology, believes that a mystery woman living in a hut in the Black Forest is really Anastasia, daughter of the last Russian Czar.

The mystery woman is Mrs. Anna Anderson, 59, who has lived the life of a recluse while waging a long struggle to prove that she is the heiress to the Czarist throne and perhaps to millions scattered across Europe in secret bank vaults.

Reche filed a 62-page report with a Hamburg court saying he believes her claim

to be Grand Duchess Anastasia of Russia is correct. He had been appointed by the court as chief expert to give anthropological testimony in a two-year court fight.

His findings were expected to weigh heavily with the judges, digging through tons of background material and listening to scores of witnesses in an attempt to solve the Anastasia mystery, one of the outstanding riddles of the century.

Official history records that Anastasia Nikolaievna Romanov, youngest daughter of the last Czar, was killed by the Bolsheviks in the mass murder of the royal family at Ekaterinburg in 1918.

Reche visited Mrs. Anderson in June at her Black Forest home for comparative scientific studies based on background material and some 200 pictures and photographs of the real Anastasia.

When word of Reche's report filtered out first yesterday German bluebloods telephoned newspaper offices in Hamburg for confirmation.

The German royal house of Hesse, represented by Duchess Barbara of Mecklenburg, is contesting Mrs. Anderson's claim in court and says she is actually Franziska Schanzkowsky, born to a Polish peasant family.

If the court upholds Reche's findings, European royalty which has treated Mrs. Anderson as an imposter, will have to reconsider its attitude.

Court President, Wilhelm Bergmeister is expected to call for another public hearing in the Anastasia case and that may be one of the final sessions before a ruling is issued.

Woman Injured in One of Five City Mishaps Thursday

A woman was injured in one of five traffic accidents reported to city police Thursday.

Lucille Warner, 619 North Columbus ave., the injured woman, was a passenger in a car operated by Merle Hughes, 52, of 1830 North Riverside ave., which collided at the intersection of North Keene Way and Oregon ave. about 11:46 a.m. with a car operated by James Donald Atto, 35, of 1427 Lawnridge ave., according to police.

Hughes was cited by city police for failure to yield the right of way. Lucille Warner was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by the Medford Ambulance Service. Police did not believe the injuries to be serious.

Both vehicles sustained heavy damage, according to police, and were removed by wrecker.

Keith Richard Schulz, 34, of 317 Lindero ave., was cited by city police for failure to yield the right of way after the car he was driving collided with an auto operated by Alan Kent Ballard, 20, of 1546 Kenyon st., at the intersection of 10th and Laurel sts. about 2:09 p.m.

An 11:54 a.m. accident at the intersection of North Riverside ave. and Edwards st. involved cars operated by Kenneth Ray Jackson, 45, of Portland, and Thomas Adolph Tibbets, 41, of Lake Creek, according to police. There were no citations issued and damage to both vehicles was negligible, according to the police report.

A mix-up in changing lanes was the cause of a two-car accident about 5:55 p.m., according to city police. Drivers of the vehicles were Ray Eldridge Kincheloe, 67, of 625 Pine st., and Roger Edward Bertrand, 25, of 117 North Oakdale ave., police said. No citations were issued.

An accident about 6 p.m. at the intersection of Riverside ave. and McAndrews rd. involved vehicles operated by Dee Clinton Thames, 33, of 2760 Connel ave., and Nicklas Rudolph DeWitt, 44, of 320 North Keene Way dr. Police said a large truck operated by Thames went through a red light and struck the DeWitt vehicle after its brakes failed to work.

Thames was cited for defective brakes.

57,582 Oregon Vets Due Dividends

An estimated 57,582 Oregon veterans who hold participating GI life insurance will receive \$2,893,800 in regular annual policy dividends during 1960, S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, has announced.

Brannock said this represents Oregon GI policyholders' proportionate share in a national 1960 dividend total of \$253,500,000, declared recently for participating GI insurance.

Brannock explained that the dividends are primarily a refund to policyholders of part of their premium payments, and are made possible because the death rate among GI policyholders continues to be lower than the tables upon which the premiums were established by law.

Policyholders are requested not to make dividend inquiries in advance, since this would delay processing time, Brannock stressed.

Dividends will be paid as soon as possible after the anniversary date of each policy during 1960. For example, if a policy was issued any Sept. 1, the anniversary date will be Sept. 1, 1960, Brannock pointed out. He added that dividends will be paid to holders of both term and permanent plan participating NSLI and USGLI policies.



IKE'S SPEECH—Above are candid studies of President Eisenhower as he delivered his State of the Union message to a joint session of Congress in the House Chamber Thursday. The Chief Executive solemnly pledged to devote the "full energies" of his last year in the White House to promote peace in the world and unprecedented prosperity at home. (UPI Telephoto)

Neuberger Quits Montana Post With Magazine

Helena — UPI — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has asked that his name be dropped from the masthead of Montana, The Magazine of Western History, charging "partisan" politics.

Neuberger's request was contained in a telegram to board members of the Montana Historical Society, some of whom are members of the editorial advisory board.

Neuberger was the magazine's Northwest regional editor.

Neuberger said his action followed criticism voiced in the advisory board's Dec. 19 meeting and reported by United Press International.

Neuberger said the statements were of "partisan political" nature and that he did not wish to "embarrass" the magazine by remaining on its staff.

At the board meeting member Robert Fletcher of Butte said, "I don't like the man," and Albert Partroll of Missoula said the writer was "not an authority in the field" of history.

Secretary Gets Award for Service

Mrs. Bernadine Weaver, Medford, was presented a diamond pin recently by J. Henry Helsler, president of the J. Henry Helsler investment firm, for outstanding service.

The presentation was made in Portland at a meeting of clients. Mrs. Weaver has been secretary in the Medford office of the firm for 10 years.

The local office was opened in 1941, and is now located at 1005 East Main st. Robert O. Balk is resident manager.

Chicken Rancher Says Helicopter Terrified Flock

Gervais, Ore. — UPI — A chicken rancher has complained to police that a helicopter flying low in fog terrified his 9,000 chickens so that they stampeded, and more than 100 of them were killed.

The complainant was J. R. Carskadon of Gervais. He said the noise made the five-week-old broilers crowd together and suffocate.

Stock in Old Power Firm Now Valuable

Portland—The Portland General Electric company announced last week that some old Portland Electric Power company stock is still unaccounted for, and urged anyone with such stock to transfer it to the PGE.

PGE officials said that present market value of PGE common stock plus an aggregate of back dividends gives present-day value of over \$1 million to the remaining unexchanged preferred stock of the former parent companies of Portland General Electric.

The right to exchange such stock will expire June 3 this year, and the securities and dividends to which the PEPco stockholder would otherwise be entitled will necessarily be transferred to Portland General Electric company.

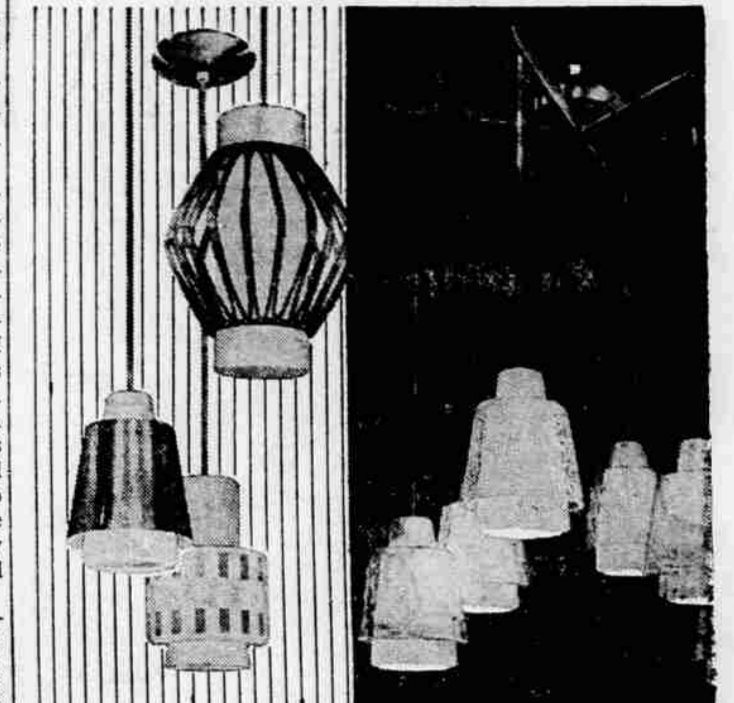
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Sundays 9:45 A.M.

RECEIVES COMMISSION He has been in the Air Force nine years, and is now stationed at Walker Air Force base, Roswell, N. M. Captain Stephen P. Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meyers, 181 Black Oak dr., Medford, received the permanent commission of captain recently. Meyers is a graduate of Medford High school.

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