

# Russian Woman Tells Story of Her Life in Homeland

By M. R.

OF SALEM'S 20,000 inhabitants there is probably not more than a handful of people, so to speak, who, in following the daily activities of the armies of the allies and the Teutonic forces, do not have to frequently resort to a map of Europe to intelligently understand the losses and gains, victories and defeats and positions of those in the zone of war.

This is not at all strange, for she was born and reared in Russia, having only been in America a few short years. Her life reads like a romance, and in relating it to the Journal reporter her facial expression changed rapidly through all the various emotions, as she described incidents either sad, gray or humorous.

"I was born near St. Petersburg," she told the reporter. "Peterson," she hastily corrected. "And outside of my travels, which at different times covered the greater part of Europe, my life until I came to America was spent near the place of my birth."

"You Americans," she continued, "have no conception of your great cause for thankfulness. Here everyone can have the best of education, for so small an expense, and in my country we of the poorer classes must make all the time, so great a struggle for even the poorest learning and livelihood."

"My mother, who came of a fine family, taught me the Hebrew language first so that I could read and write in that tongue before I could Russian. Always I was so anxious to learn, and so soon as I could read in my own language I spent every moment I could get."

"I was 10 years old when I could make out the words of the Hebrew for only three years. While there I learned to read, write and do some arithmetic. All the time at home I was studying, and some girls of more fortunate families attending school in other places when at home on their vacations, knowing of my eagerness to learn, offered to give me private lessons. In this way I became familiar with the higher class literature, so that when but a young girl I had read and studied most of Tolstoy's, Dostoyevsky's, Cherkulsky's and the other better known writers' works."

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## Henry Clews' Weekly Financial Letter

New York, Jan. 23, 1915.

The rise in confidence noted for some weeks past is already expressing itself in business improvement. Since reopening of the Stock Exchange values of active stocks have risen on an average of from 5 to 7 points, and in some cases the advance has been as much as 10 points and over. So far, the rise has been accomplished without any important realization either by foreign or domestic interests.

"One thing that makes so much of it," she said, "is because of the library systems. One must pay a fee of one dollar a month for the privilege of using books, and where one realizes how poor the people are generally they can understand why so few Russians have educations of even a meagre description."

"I shall never forget those first few months when I was mastering your language. My attempts were, I fear, most amusing to my friends, and I am sure of discouragement to myself. In a great city, where only an unknown tongue was heard on every side, the loneliness for awhile was dreadful. I remember once, when riding on a street car, it happened to seat some women who were from the Russian language, and I found a place close by those two women so that I would hear them talk. Oh, I tell you, it was lovely, just like beautiful music to my ears!"

"This little woman is a personal friend of Nazimova, the famous actress, and her countrywoman. Together they were learning to speak English in Chicago, and found much in common in their positions."

When asked what she thought of the literary life, she said she was glad she did not pass, for she said, "the literary people who come here are not so because they receive too little credit to learn but because they have never had a chance. Most of these are meant to learn and many more desirable citizens than many of the educated, who are not so good morally."

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## MARION COUNTY BANKS AMONG BEST IN STATE

Multnomah Only County Having Better Banking Facilities — Big Deposits Indicate Wealth of County.

According to the seventh annual report of the State Banking Commission, issued January 1, 1915, Marion county has 10 banks with total resources amounting to \$5,857,696. With the exception of Multnomah, Marion county bank resources are far in the lead of any other county in the state.

These 10 Marion county banks had on deposit January 1, 1915, subject to check, \$3,434,603, while the time and savings deposits amounted to \$2,423,093. The undivided profits of the banks in this county amount to \$184,543 and the United States postal deposits, only \$11,473. This small amount of government deposits indicates that the people of Marion county have full confidence in their home banks.

The loans and discounts of the Marion county banks were \$3,255,427 on the first of the year. Multnomah county banks, of course, have the largest amount loaned, \$16,601,222, while Morrow county is at the bottom of the list, its one bank having loans amounting to \$56,000.

Three counties in the state have but one bank each—Grant, Morrow and Wheeler. Lane county has seven banks and Linn eight.

In the state of Oregon there are 170 banks, with total resources amounting to \$64,922,500.

Snyder Tells Reason For Double Tragedy

Houston, Texas, Jan. 29.—Vard E. Snyder, son of a wealthy banker and oil man of Pittsburgh, Pa., died today from the effects of poison taken here yesterday, after he had killed his wife, formerly a grand opera singer.

Mrs. Snyder's body was held here today for a while, for her former husband, Arthur Berensford, of Chicago, who had been told she was Mrs. Berensford, said she obtained a divorce and that they were married in Oklahoma.

"But," added Snyder, who was 32 years old, "my wife was unable to forget her three children by Berensford. She begged continually to be allowed to return to them. I was insanely jealous. This, coupled with dissipation, crazed me, and I killed her and swallowed poison myself."

A STATEMENT FROM GUS SMITH

UNUSUAL CONDITIONS CREATE UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY

A Note From the Head of the House

We have on sale thoroughly reliable high grade pianos at prices which will astonish any thinking person.

## Great Orange Crop Promises Fine Fruit

With an anticipated output of 45,000 cars of oranges and 6,000 cars of lemons from the state of California, citrus fruits promise to be conspicuous during the present season and available at prices even lower than applies.

The market is the finest fruit ever seen at this time of the year. The lemon harvest will double that of last season and in a few years California expects to produce a crop of sufficient size to eliminate the necessity of foreign importation.

Since 1896, when the California Fruit Growers Exchange was organized, the citrus industry has been developed from a hazardous undertaking to a profitable enterprise. During the past decade, while the population of the United States increased 21 per cent, the consumption of California oranges increased 74.8 per cent.

The influence of packing a dependable quality of fruit is clearly reflected in the increased demand for citrus fruits. Last year the Sunbelt people shipped 61.9 per cent of the crop of oranges or 10,150,724 boxes.

Scientific cultivation, efficient marketing, the elimination of unnecessary rehandling and the ability to handle tremendous quantities are the main factors which have made it possible for the Sunbelt people to place their fruit in practically every store in the country at prices which render them available to rich and poor alike.

## FRUITLAND NOTES

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Fruitland, Ore., Jan. 29.—Mack Stoffer is doing some machine grubbing, also Francis Schrock.

Mrs. Emma Bowers was quite ill the first of the week with acute indigestion, but is now better.

The weekly singing exercises held at the different homes of the neighborhood seem to be increasing in interest.

George H. Smith, who has been in the city for some time, has secured a position as a clerk in the bank.

The figures show that whereas the republican party gained enormously in the last election, the total democratic vote also was increased, while not only the progressive but the prohibition and socialist parties lost in total number of votes.

Democrat — 6,324,962  
Republican — 5,013,374  
Progressive — 1,965,417  
Socialist — 687,495  
Prohibition — 193,849  
Socialist-Labor — 30,344

The outstanding feature of the 1914 figures is the progressive vote. While that party lost more than one-half its vote for Roosevelt in 1912, yet with only two years' history behind them and with little party cohesion the progressives polled nearly two million votes.

The New York World has made an other compilation, based on the vote for representatives in congress. The democratic party in 1914 polled a larger percentage of total democratic, republican and progressive votes than in 1912, and the republicans and progressives combined polled a smaller percentage.

In 1912 the democrats polled about 45 per cent of the total vote cast by the three larger parties. The republicans polled 25, and the progressives 30 per cent. In 1914 the democratic congressional candidates polled 47.48 per cent of this total vote, the republicans 23.99 and the progressives 28.53 per cent.

Doctor Is Injured. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 29.—Unconsciously in the driving seat of his automobile, Dr. John P. Gilmer was injured severely when the car collided with an automobile truck.

## We Don't Sing the Praises of Player Pianos That Have Failed to Keep Abreast in The March of Progress

We Are Selling Modern, Metal Tubed, Five-Point Motor, Flexible Finger Player Pianos, With Perfect Music Roll Tracking Device.

Instruments Equipped With Rubber Tubing, and a Lot of Claptrap Pointers, Buttons, Levers, Etc., Are Obsolete. Study Them Carefully. They Are Dear at Any Price.

Free Music Rolls Included During the Great Sale Now in Progress.

Don't be misled by antiquated testimonials, a testimonial without date does not prove anything. A testimonial given many, many years ago for a cabinet piano cannot possibly apply to the modern player piano.

The modern substitute music roll positively makes pianists of the very highest order of every member of the family. Gus Smith, Salem.

## THE BEHNING PLAYER PIANO AND BABY GRAND PLAYER PIANO.

In tone quality and as upright or Baby Grand pianos, each instrument represents perfection. All the exclusive and wonderful features, the flexible striking finger, the automatic guide, the striking finger, the automatic guide, and the price is not \$1,750, but in this sale these instruments will be only \$995, with \$30 additional for slightly fancier cases and \$50 more for the very finest. The liberal payment plan applies to these superb little Pianos and Baby Grands as to all others.

Please depend upon it that this sale of player pianos is of such an intense importance. A metal tubing up-to-the-minute perfected player piano, usually priced at \$800, is now offered for less than half price, or \$295. A plainer model Player Piano is actually only \$215. This is the cash price, but for more additional simple interest will deliver for \$20 down, and a month, free music rolls included.

Prices That Are Almost Unbelievable

PLEASE DEPEND UPON IT THAT THIS SALE OF PLAYER PIANOS IS OF SUCH AN INTENSE IMPORTANCE.

A VERY LITTLE WILL BUY A WEBER PIANOLA PIANO

Payments are to be arranged at \$15 a month. Free music rolls, too. Superb Player Pianos, Delux, are very fine yet constructed, totally and mechanically, instruments that excel any \$1,000 piano to be had, possessing 5 points of superiority over the next best make.

Old style Pianolas for \$45 apiece. A liberal supply of music is included We want them out of the way.

Space forbids detailed mention of all of the instruments in this sale, but suffice it to say that every player piano on the floors is marked at corresponding low prices.

Wolf Gets His Seat. Capitol, Sacramento, Jan. 29.—Senator Edward L. Wolfe is secure in his seat of state senator, according to the report of the special committee which reported today that Edwin E. Grant, recalled senator from San Francisco, could not substantiate his contest. The committee recommended the seating of Wolfe. The report will be adopted by the senate tomorrow.

## THE MANICURE LADY

By William F. Kirk.

Wilfred had written a new ballad, said the Manicure Lady. He wrote it in a hour, and he told me that the publisher gave him fifty dollars of what he called advance loyalty, or something like that. I wouldn't have believed it only he had me back five dollars. I lent him, and when my brother says he has a five I know he must have at least fifty in his pocket to prompt him to that kind act."

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Lady, "this is the song that he wrote. I brought it down to the shop because I knew that you would be glad to be one of the first ones to hear it."

"I don't care whether I hear it now or some other time," said the Head Barber. "Wait till you hear it, George. Listen!"

The night you told me no, dear heart, I thought it down to the shop because I knew that you would be glad to be one of the first ones to hear it."

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