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## Unhappiest Woman In All of Europe

Countess Ina's Plot to Ruin the German Crown Prince.

The writer of these staggering disclosures is a lady who rendered a signal service to the German Crown Princess in the latter's schooldays, and because of this was appointed her Personal Companion. To her the "Unhappiest Woman in Europe" confided most of the terrible troubles and secret anxieties with which her life has been beset. No more remarkable human document has even been

"I can't stand this life any longer!" Cecilie flung herself upon a couch in utter abandonment to the misery that filled her soul. I did my utmost with such small attentions as one woman can pay to another at a time of intense suffering. At last she raised her tear-stained face to mina.

"I am going to leave Be. in at once," she said, "and take refuge with my

I knew that, like all people who are absent, Cecilie would be put in wrong if she took this extreme step. The arrangements for royal personages of her importance, made for many weeks beforehand, would have to be cancelled, and her failure to fulfil the engagements she had made would alone give rise to endless scandal, especially Crown Prince had recently been earn-

I therefore suggested that she should write to her mother, urging her most powerfully to come to her, and that the Grand Duchess should lay her wrongs before the Kaiser, and try to come to some arrangement for the future.

Cecilie listened with attention to such arguments as I was able to find. and finally consented to remain in Berlin. She wrote, however, not only to her mother, but to her brother, the reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenburg Schwerin

had charged Cecilie with having been favorite mistress. Cecilie was determined to obtain redress for the intol- ure. The dance had attracted Cecilie August concluded this servant knew erable wrong her husband had done from the very first sight of it, and she more than he had disclosed, and took her by making this charge. I need not had made no secret of the pleasure she efficient means to make minded enough to suspect that my be- struction Fensterberg had given her in leved mistress really was the culprit. the first days of the new dance.

A LOVERY CONSPIRATOR. There is no need for me to describe the great family council which was their mouths had more to their story of the aroused relatives of the Crown Princess. Both the Emperor and the and that it was actually the Princess Empress took part in it; and the result was that the Kaiser insisted on the there could be no mistake. They said fullest possible reparation. That took it had passed into the possession of the part of a withdrawal and an apol- the Kaiser, who had hushed the matogy, tendered by the enraged Prince ter up as far as he could. before the relatives of his wife, and before his own mother as well.

ers, blamed Cecilie for the humilia- cess. I thought they would place, carefully concealing his mastion of her favorite son, though surely he had brought it upon himself if ever untruth had died, from sheer lack of a man had. But she is a jealous, small- anything to justify them. minded woman, who professes very high principles, but confuses them sadly when it comes to putting them into | zic a long letter to the Crown Princess. practice. In no other way can I ex- setting out at some length the scanplain the part she played in the intrigue against the Crown Princess affirming his belief that it was base the precaution he had taken on diswhich followed the visit of the mem- less. He intimated that he was writ-

the beautiful Countess Ina von Basse- of Fensterberg. witz, now the morganatic wife of Prince Oscar of Hohenzollern, the Kaiser's fifth son. A few years ago ance in a prominent capacity was always the forerunner of trouble.

The Countess belonged to a very old Prussien family, her father, Count Hugo von Bassewitz, being a large and very wealthy landowner.

Ina had a very well-recognized talent for intrigue, and a recklessness of disposition which prevented her from drawing the line when serious trouble was looming shead. When a young girl she had formed an association Prince, where it was lying apparently pected any remorse or shame on her importance at court—which had ended in her appearance in the divorce court. where she was accused by a wronged wife of conduct which would have wrecked her reputation entirely had the evidence been strong enough to substantiate the charges.

THE PRIGGISH PRINCE. She scraped out of that trouble. cni. to figure as to the cause of a fatal due! between two young officers not more than a year later.

Her beauty and her charm were undeniable, so much so that she became a fast friend of Princess Alexandra wife of the Prince August William. "The Fox," as the Berliners call him him when speaking of the Kaiser's sons, for August William is re-

markable for his cunning.

This Princess is the niece of the Kaiserin herself, and the favorite among her daughters-in-law — a smooth-spoken, spiteful woman, as pretty as she is full of mischief.

At this time young Prince Oscar. having been gazetted to a lieutepancy in the Guards, took up his residence at Potsdam, bringing with him from Bonn a reputation for amazing priggishness. He had warned the unfortunate youths who were his fellowstudents against drinking beer and fighting students' duels; and he had made several speeches about "Gott, our

great Ally." He was just the sort of puffed-up youth to fall head over heels in love with Counters ins, and the lady with the rather vivid past professed to return the passion which she had easily aroused in his heart.

Princess Alexandra, whose husband friend to the couple, and at her establishment they used to meet every day.

"YOUR UNHAPPY CONRAD." Matters had reached this pass when young and handsome Bavarian officer of Uhlans, Vc . Fensterberg by name, committed suicide at the Casino, or club, of his regiment, leaving behind him nothing to account for the act except a letter addressed to some! lady whose name he carefully concealed. I have a copy of the letter by me as I write. It runs as follows:

'Adored one,-Since it is now proved beyond all doubt that I must no longer lift my eyes to one such as you, I end my life in despair.

must have been—to be so cruel after duced you to do?" such a little time? Your rebuke, that one so lowly as I should lift my eyes ed my heart. It was not always so.

I die with your picture on my heart; you gave it to me, and I defy any man to the Empress, who is just as much your unhappy. "Conrad."

no woman's picture at all; and the de- it was required. in consideration of the notoriety the cision was made that the youth was suffering from acute delusions.

body. Whispers went round Berlin so- silence since the wicked whispers had clety, and it was said that this and been in circulation. that lady of the Court was the person implicated. In a very little time the rumors concentrated upon the Crown miniature of Cecilie clasped in his and set to work to unravel the whole

No rumor of that kind can live uness there is something to justify it. Fensterberg was a gay and gallant young fellow, and accomplished in a As I related in the last instalment careless, trivial way. He had been of these memoirs, the Crown Prince one of the introducers of the Tango into Germany, and was acknowledged amateur dancer of that difficult measmy that there were many people foul- had received from the assiduous in- rest.

ture was found on Von Fensterberg. herself, a miniature concerning which

It was my task when these malicious scandals were current to keep The Empress, like all partial moth- them from the proud ears of the Prindie away, as many another malicious

The Crown Prince, nowever, would not have it so. He wrote from Dantdal that was current, and cunningly bers of the Mecklenburg House to ing to the Kaiser with a view of es-

Following this letter Cecilie was received in private by the Kaiser, and returned from the interview in a state she was called at Potsdam and Berlin of terrible emotion. She had seen the "The Stormy Petrel," for her appear- miniature which had been found with the dead man, and it was one of herself. The picture in question had been painted by a Dresden artist in the early days of her marriage, and had been her birthday present to her husband. Neither he nor she liked it: it was certainly a bad likeness; and she had afterwards replaced it with

a better piece of work.

The position was a terrible one, for | She cynically admitted the part she the matter was extremely delicate, so had played, only denying, for the sake delicate that open inquiry could not be of Prince Oscar, that there had been made. Cecilie appeared to have aged by years in the course of the few days that followed, and though we both part, which she had done her best to puzzled our brains over the matter discourage. incessantly we found no solution.

AN UNEXPECTED ALLY.

At this stage we found an unexpected ally in the Prince August William. He had received from some source a letter which disquited him on account of its exposure of his wife's close intimacy with the Countess Ina von Bassewitz and of the intrigue between that lady and has callow young brother. He returned to Berlin quietly and unexpectedly and set his cunning brains to work.

His Princess was no match for him n astuteness, and he found his brother Oscar an easy victim. He at once obtained the full measure of the intrigue of the Countess Ina von Bassewitz. Oscar was set upon carrying her, and would be content with nothwas absent at the time, acted as kind ing less. He disregarded all expostulations and statements that neither the Kaiser nor the proud father of the lady would hear of a morganic marriage. He was infatuated, and behaved after the fashion of infatuated young men the world over.

The little Princess, in her alarm at the part she had played in an affair which was turning out so seriously, gave Prince August a clue to some thing else. He could see from her alarm and tears that she was keeping something back from him. He pressed her hardly, and she went into hysterics and declared that "mamma" was as much to blame as she was.

This did not deter him. "Why were you so kind to me at Alexandra," he declared, sternly. What first, if it was in your heart—as it is it that Ina von Bassewitz has in-

"The portrait! The miniature." sobbed the hysterical woman. "Oh, it to one so exalted as yourself, has sear was not my fault, really it was not. Mamma gave it to me to give to her."

The Prince then took his questions to take so precious a possession from afraid of him as is his wife. In a the unhappy dead. Let it be buried very few minutes he had elicited from with me; that is the last wish of her the fact that she had taken the old miniature of the Crown Princess In the inquiries, both legal and mili- from the bureau where Willie had tary, held into the circumstances of thrown it. She had kept it for a long pair were united by ceremony The reiteration on the part of German the suicide, it was stated by the orderly time, and when Princess Alexandra known as nuptials of war, and as Count who found the dead body, and by the had asked for a picture of Cecilie had doctor who examined it, that there was given it to her without asking why

"I did not like to say anything about it," was the only reason she gave when That evidence was credited by no- pressed to tell why she had maintained

DARK SECRETS REVEALED. Having probed this mystery so far, Prince August carried it one step Princess, and it was said that Von further. He went to the little town Fensterberg had been found with a where the suicide had taken place, business.

Among the persons he questioned closely was the soldier servant of the dead man. This fellow proved to be conversant with his master's affairs, and after a lot of difficulty, the Prince elicited from him the fact that the dead man had been madly in love instrumental in the poisoning of his at the time to be the most graceful with a dark lady, who had visited him once or twice at his quarters. Prince

In the German army there are ways of making a man like that talk, espe-But the people who ventured to take cially when one happens to be a prince the name of the Crown Princess in of the blood. The fellow remained obstinately silent for a long time, but the result of the prompt appearance than this. They declared that a pic- at last his secret was wrung from him.

He had been in the pay of the Countess Ina. and had acted on her orders. When his master had committed suicide, he had discovered the dead body and read the letter, knowing to whom it referred and was addressed. He had seen a possibility of extracting more money, and had taken away the likeness of the Countess Ina from the ter's death for the time.

On receiving the news and the picture, the Countess had detained him for a little time, and had then given him another picture, promising him no less than 10,000 marks if he would place it on the body in place of that he had taken away. This, owing to covering his master's death, he was able to do. He then contrived that a The chief actor in this affair was in no way concerned with the death the body of Fensterberg, with its damning evidence against the innocent Crown Princess.

LAUGHED AT THE KAISER. whole matter must be kept a profound the old frontier of Alsace-Lorraine as German Idea of Coalition With secret. At the same time he was not it existed before the war of 1870. Apprepared to allow Cecilie to suffer in parently the Germans think that they the eyes of the Kaiser in a matter of have unearthed a French plot to annex which she was entirely innocent. The some of their territory north of the Crown Prince was summoned from Saar River. Dantzic, and another of those family councils of the Hohenzollerns was summoned, the only outsider precent

part, they were utterly disappointed. anything between her and the dead man except a mad infatuation on ris



happened," she said, dramatically, mad lest I should lose the love of the only man who has ever stirred my heart to its true depths!"

This was uttered with a languishing glance at Frince Oscar, who stood by ready to champion his love to the very bitter end, if need be. Nor would this bold woman consent

to the silence that all, including Cecilie herself, sought to impose upon her, except upon her own terms. "Withdraw all opposition," to my marriage with Prince Oscar,' she demanded, "or I will tell the whole world

how the Empress and the Princess Al-

exandra helped me to deceive the law, and create a scandal against the Crown Princess, just because they hate The Kaiser raved, but she only laughed at his thunder. Prince Oscar played up to her with more spirit than might have been expected of such as he, and the Royal Family was in a

most unpleasant predicament. In conclusion, the Kaiser was left to find the best way he could out of the difficulty. His position was made harder by the old Count con Bassewitz, who argued out every step of precedence in discussing a morganatic marriage.

INA GETS HER WAY.

would not appear at Court, but her only a war of conquest on the part of father stuck out for every privilege, contending that in the case of such a the sole obstacle to peace is the appe-morganatic marriage the lady must tite of the nations that are fighting rank only to Imperial and Royal High-

ess of Ruppin she ranks before the Mistress of Ceremonies herself at Court.

The victim of the whole affair remained my beloved and wronged mistress. The secrecy taken to kep the name of the Empress out of the scandal ensured that the gossip should continue to collect about her name. She was quite innocent, and the Empress was guilty of at least a very mean and spiteful action, but Cecilie, as always, had to suffer.

"I wish to hear no more of this." she said to me, almost sternly, when I alluded to the gross injustice of the whole affair. "Let them settle their troubles as best they may; one wrong more or less, what does it matter to a woman who must suffer in silence under the greatest wrong of all?"

#### ANOTHER GERMAN "DIS-GOVERY."

Before being impressed by this new German "discovery" of French ambi- ably and inescapably with the demands tions, it is worth while to recall the earlier "discovery" of the Germans in Brussels. No one can fail to recall that here failthful, credible German ludicrous in the German wolf disclosed officers—as credible as any German found proof which convinced all Germany that Belgium had long been plotting to attack the German empire, and that the German invasion, in fact,

only forestalled the Belgian conspiracy. It is worth while recalling also that certain German papers have "discovered" that the reason that the United States is at war with Germany is to me found in the fact that the President's son-in-law. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, is under the control of the wicked, Anglophile Morgans. To recall these two interesting German "discoveries" is to get a sense of values in dealing with the newest German find. Turning now to this German allegation, which, curiously enough, sees the light of day alongside declarations in many German papers, that only the feeble-minded imagines that the Germans will ever give up Belgium, what

is the probable substance of it? The German statement confidently mentions the name of Saarbruecken I need rardly say that when Prince modifications on the left bank of the and vaguely adds other vast territorial August William arrived at this stage Rhine. What it seems to refer to is in his inquiries he determined that the the coal region which is northeast of

The history of this territory is simple. In the 18th century Lorraine passed to the French crown, not by war or by conquest, but by the death of the King of Loland and in accordance with previous agreements. Lorraine, as it then existed, included a very considerable portion of the territory northeast of the Saar River, which is now German territory. In this region and within the frontiers of Lorraine were very considerable coal deposits. At the close of the Napo-"I was mad when I learned what had leonic wars, after France had been

conquered, Prussia marked out and took, as part of her own prize, these coal districts. In the first congress of Vienna, which preceded the return of Napoleon from Elba, Prussia was satisfied with the boundary of the eaar River, but at the second congress Prussian appetite increased and a number of towns south of the river, including Saarlots, were taken. Thus, in 1816. Prussia took from France her most considerable and valuable coal fields. In 1871, in the treaty of Frankfort. Germany, extended her conquest to include all the iron regions of Lorraine then discovered. After the congress of Vienna and the treaty of Frankfort, therefore, the Germans quite believed that they had deprived France of her greatest coal-producing districts and her richest iron regions. The fact that valuable deposits of iron were subsequently found within French territory has always rankled in the German mind, and the determination of Germany to annex the Briey district has been frequently set forth in all sorts of German publications and by

all sorts of Germans. We may very well leave it to the French to explain that the facts of the situation are as to their purposes and England, we ought to be able to obwar aims, but it is worth recalling tain permanent recognition of our that the district which the Germans Turkish and Near-Eastern policy, and now allege that the French wickedly, to make the western edge of the Percorruptly and imperialistically seek to annex is the coal district stolen from France after Napoleon had been defeated in 1815.

This German manoeuvre should de- | many). ceive nobody. It is certain that there will be any number of similar efforts to impress upon the Russian and the The Kaiser had hoped that the lady | American peoples the idea that this is all nations that are fighting, and that tite of the nations that are fighting Germany. No American can be deceived and no Russian should be. The In the end Ina von Bassewitz had test of German desire for peace renewspapers of a determination to hold Belgium is an all-sufficient reason why the war should go on and why it will go on.

The Germans attacked France, as they did Belgium, without any warrant and without having received any injury. Their effort to convict Belgium of having plotted German ruin is now logically followed by a similar charge against the French. The allegation against our French friends will carry just about as much weight as did the German allegation against Belgium. It may or it may not be true that the French, now that their own coal regions have been wantonly wrecked by Germany in the Lens district, have determined to take back a portion of the coal district wrongfully torn from them by the treaty of 1815. But this is a question which does not arise so long as Germany maintains her right to annex Belgium. to make Russian Poland into a subject kingdom and to deny liberty to the Serbians. When Germany has announced her policy with respect to these questions, and when this policy conforms unmistakof civilization, right and justice, then It will be time to discuss the crimes and purposes of Germany's foes. Just now there is something incredibly in the attitude of accusing the lambs he has plundered and wounded of wicked conspiracies against him.

## CHOLERA INFANTUM

Cholera infantum is one of the fatal ailments of childhood. It is a trouble that comes on suddenly, especially during the summer months, and unless prompt action is taken ,the little one | ministry: Physicians, 2 per cent.; clermay soon be beyond aid. Baby's Own Tablets are an ideal medicine in ward. 5 per cent.; merchants and laborers, ing off this trouble. They regulate each 8 per cent.; all other vocations the bowels and sweeten the stomach 20 per cent.—Chicago Tribune. and thus prevent all the dreaded stomach complaints. Concerning them Mrs. Fred Rose, South Bay, Ont., says: "I feel Baby's Own Tablets saved the life of our baby when she had cholera infantum, and I would not be without them." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

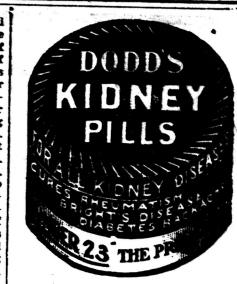
## A PIPE DREAM

# Russia and Japan.

If the Russian chooses the Englishman as his friend, the world power of Germany is relegated to a misty distance; it is, indeed, doubtful whether in that event, our object can never be achieved. Moreover, in addition to this loss, we shall have for a long time to come to reckon with Continental struggles which will cost blood. money and strength, and the result of which-with Germany standing at the side of Austria-Hungary against Russia, France and England-cannot be calculated. It is impossible to call a:tention too insistently to the importance of this decisive moment.

If there is a way to effect from without, in favor of the rising world Powers, the comparatively rapid dissolution of the British Empire, it is only by means of a German-Russian-Japanese world coalition. Of course, such a coalition is at bottom, another "syndicate for the division of the world." But the object of the political map of the earth is not to remain unaltered; the utmost German devotion to peace would not dispose of the aggressive imperialism of the others, but would merely permit Germany's development to decay. We have the choice between being full partners in the future syndicate for the division of the world or being despised outsid-

If we succeed, by means of Russian and Japanese advances with German and German-Turkish protection of their flanks, in destroying the English positions in the Middle and Far East, the ultimate reconciliation of Russian and North American Imperialism will be facilitated, because North America will then be unable to co-operate with Great Britain in the Pacific Ocean. Perhaps in the later future—to men-



bilities—the North American-Far Eastern line of separation will run straight across the Australian continent, which, as is widely known, is eagerly coveted by the Japanese.

If we are able to overthrow the British, and thus to render Russia and Japan decisive service in Asia against sian Mountains the frontier between the Quadruple Alliance's sphere of interest and Russia's sphere of interest. -Kolnische Zeitung (Cologne, Ger-

#### Paying the Fee.

A young factory hand and his girl went to get married. They got as far as the church when he found out he had not enough money to pay the wedding fee. The clergyman would not marry them, saying, "No money, no wedding.

So the girl asked would he wait till she went home for the money. The clergyman said "Yes."

In a little while the girl returned with the money and the knot was duly tied.

The girl now said to the clergyman: "Can any one oppose our union?"

To which he replied "Nobody, my daughter. Heaven bless you! The girl said: "Then there's the pawn ticket for

your hat and coat, which I took from the vestry and pawned! Collapse of his reverence.-Exchange.

#### High Cost of Living.

The researches of Professor Mead, of the University of California show that 310 men own 4.000,000 aeres of the best land on the continent and that one railroad owns 5,000,000 acres. The report of the secretary of agriculture shows that less than half of the arable land in the United States is under cultivation.

Here is a suggestion for those seeking the cause of the high cost of live ing.-St. Paul News.

## Farm Boys Fill the Pulpits.

If you are a salesman there is little chance your son will become a minister, while if you are a farmer the chances are the best, and if you are a minister the chances are the next best. That conclusion results from the statistical table prepared after investigation by the Association of American Colleges.

Thirty-three per cent. of all ministers—at least in the northern states, where the statistics apply—came from the home of farmers and 18 per cent. from the homes of ministers.

Other vocations furnish the following per cent. of candidates for the ical workers, 4 per cent.: carpenters.

## What You Can Do.

You don't know what you can do. At any rate, you don't know until you're up against it and have to try. Some day you're going to bump against a whopping bit of work It will look in possible to you. You'll want to quit You'll say to yourself that it simply can't be done. And then if you are really worth while you'll tighten your welt and jump into it. You'll say, "I'te got to do it." Then the first thing you know it will be done. And the best part of it is you'll enjoy it, and the satisfaction that comes when it is done will be worth more than hearing your uncle has left you \$10,000 .- American

## Chapeaux.

Mushrooms, to be sure. And stovepipes-really! Tommy Atkins sauciness. Chin straps for old and young Drooping "parasol" brims of Georg

Flower-pot crowns of extreme smartness. Turbans that are more turbany than ever. No doubt about it—the shape's the

## TEACH THE CHILDREN:

thing this season.

That it does not take long to be careful. That fire and maches are not playthings. things.

That rusty nails in old boards may cause blood-tolsoning.

That swimming in unknown waters is That swimming in dangerous.

That they should Stop, Look and Listen before crossing any roadway.

That the roadway is an unsafe playground.

That fallen or hanging wires may be "live" wires.
That they should never get on or off a moving street-car.

That bicycles should not be ridden on busy streets.

## The King's Thanks.

King George expresses the gratitude of Great Britain to Canada in the steps taken to increase exports of food stuffs to the motherland. "I have no doubt that the self-sacri-

fice displayed on the battlefields of France by my heroic Canadian troops will find its counterpart in the efforts of those who, at home in the Dominion, are devoting themselves to the

tion only one of the numerous possi-bave to invent it.—William James. If war should ever should we should

