Grand Duke Was Brilliant Officer

Romanoff Chief in World War Handicapped by Divided Authority and a Shortage of Supplies

BETRAYED BY CZAR

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The Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia is the third of the former 'Allied commanders in chief to pass from the scene within the last twelve months-Field Marshal Haig died on January 29, 1928; Field Marshal Cadorna on December 22, 1928, and the Grand Duke on January 6, 1929.

Like Cadorna, and unlike Haig, he until the end of the war. But he as- comment. sumed it earlier than they did, being named commander-in-chief on August entered the war on May 23, 1915, and training or munitions, reserves and Haig's nomination as head of the facilities for manufacturing them re-British armies in France dated from December 15, 1915.

Cadorna was retired in November. 1917, following the tremendous Caporetto disaster, for which he was held directly responsible. The Grand Duke Nicholas suffered the crushing defeat of Tannenberg in September, 1914. But it was not held up against him personally, because it happened through blunders on the part of subordinates and tocause its effects were quickly neutralized by the series of brilliant Russian victories in southern Poland and castern Galicia.

The Grand Duke conducted the Rus sian retreat out of the Polish salient in the summer of 1915, but his milita: reputation was not materially affected thereby. He was displaced on September 6, 1915, through parliamentary interference in St. Petersburg.

Haig also would have been displaced in 1917 by Premier Lloyd George, if the latter had dared to take such a step in defiance of army and civilian opinion.

It is a curious anomaly that a feeble and short-lived parliamentary body, with an uncertain status in an autocracy like Russia's, could intervene more effectively in military operations than could its powerful and self-willed chief of the British parliamentary

Popular As Soldier

The Grand Duke was Russia's most Nicholas's place.

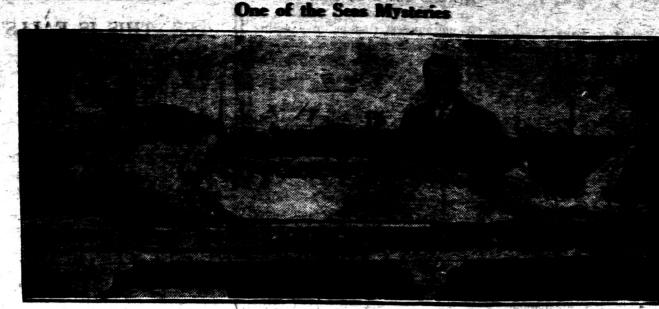
Liberal politicians in the Dumo, who his own way for the first nine months could not hope to influence the Grand of the war. He had frustrated two Duke, and to the personal hostility of German drives from the west toward the Rasputin group, of which the Warsaw, overran Middle Galicia and Czarina was the all-powerful patron- pushed to within eight miles of ess, admitted the facts of the situation Cracow and forced the bulk of the when he named himself as actual Austro-Hungarian forces beyond the commander-in-chief.

merely covered up a political maneu- salient. Russia had done much better ver of undertaking a responsibility, in than the Western Allies. She had the midst of the great war, which he seized a large area of enemy territory, had refused to assume under far less while Germany had overrun Belgium arduous and dangerous conditions to- and intrenched on the soil of France. war dthe end of the Japanese war, although strongly urged to do so by his

Son of Army Commander

chieftain. His father, also a Grand would arrive. Duke Nicholas, had been commander In the spring of 1915 Falkenhayn in chief of the Russian armies in the decided to carry the war into Poland Balkans during the Russo-Turkish and to liberate the occupied Austrian War of 1877-78. The son had won territory. He was at the time engaged distinction at the crossing of the in a bitter quarrel with Hindenburg Danube in 1878 and in the capture of and Ludendorff and would not listen Russian cavalry, while acting as in-velopment operation out of East spector general of cavalry from 1895 Prussia. to 1905. He was made president in That was a piece of luck for Nicho-1995 of the Council of National De- las. With overwhelming superiority fence, created to strengthen and mod- in artillery and machine guns, Falkenernize the Russian military establish hayn elected to make a frontal attack,

solved, for political reasons, and its Galicias, but also allowing as compework was confided to the War Minis- tent a tactician as the Grand Duke to



TREMENDOUS ROYAL STURGEON WHICH WAS CAPTURED IN THE NORTH SEA

Weighing 259 lbs., it proved quite a handful for half a dozen men and created quite a sensation when it arrived failed to retain his high command at a fisheries depot in London. Sturgeon are caught in fresh and salt water and always cause excitement and War.

ance, did much to improve conditions, some distance behind the Brest- the Crimea and remained there until 2, 1914, while Cadorna's service in a yet fell far short of bringing the army Litovsk line, on which they had the end of the war. Reaching Consimilar post did not begin until Italy up to the condition of equipment, originally mobilized. quired for conduct of a war against a highly militarized nation like Ger-

Handicap Recalled

Nicholas also assumed leadership in 1914 under the additional handicap of no intimate knowledge of the arrangements made for co-operation with the French General Staff. He was called upon to execute plans which were not his own.

At the beginning of the war Russia stood on a very unequal footing with Germany-so unequal that the German General Staff left East Prussia inadequately defended, while hurrying the invasion of Belgium and France. But German superiority in tactics, morale, and especially in artillery and all the sent him the contemptuous answer: mechanical appliances of war, was quickly demonstrated, even in East Prussia, where Hindenburg and Ludendorff so easily envelope dand crushed a Russian army marching incautiously into the trap of Tannenberg.

Never after, except in rare instances case of the morale and equipment of ment of a less advanced one.

Checked Austrian Drive

With Austria-Hungary the case was conspicuous and popular soldier. He different. The Dual Monarchy had to was by his force of personality, high depend on armies of uneven quality. professional capacity and prestige as Many racial groups were disaffected a member of the imperial family, the and fought half-heartedly. To the most available man to direct Russia's great astonishment of the Austromilitary effort. Kuropatkin, compe. Hungarian General Staff the Russian tent, but not brilliant, commander, had forces easily stopped its offensive The Czar, then about to be dethroned, oxysm of outraged honesty, resented if to do so is to lose sight of duty failed in the Japanese war and had movement in August, 1915, into wanted to rename his commander-in- its appropriation by knocking down a such a life is a dedicated life. The ceased to be available. The fighting southern Poland and then swept from chief. Such an order was issued, but lamp standard, disorganizing the local forms may be manifold. The lives of the end they bowed their heads be-

Except in East Prussia, the Grand And the Czar, though yielding to the Duke Nicholas had Lings pretty much Carpathian ranges. He successfully He had no military competency and occupied and defended the Polish

Supplies Ran Low

But Russian supplies were running friend and crony of that period, Kaiser low. General Gourko wrote in his "War and Revolution in Russia" that "for months in 1915 batteries in action Nicholas was born and bred a sol- daily did not receive more than four dier. He had pronounced military shells per day." An army corps would tastes and inclinations, and the spirit, receive 1,000 shells at one delivery and manners and character of a military not know when the next installment

Shipka Pass. He had reorganized the to Ludendorff's suggestion of an en-

irresistible under the circumstances In 1993, however, this body was dis- and sure to clear Poland and the try, which, with Kuropatkin's assist- withdraw the masses of his armies in London.

Heavy Losses in Campaign

Russia lost 350,000 killed and 1,250,-000 prisoners in this campaign. The man-nower losses could be made up. Munitions were coming in from westanother powerful offensive in 1916. tragic military breakdown of 1915

whose consequences were not as seri-Czar displaced him on September 6, tion and politics. partly because of the activities of the Duma politicians and partly, no doubt, because of the Grand Duke's feud with asked permission to go to the front "Come and I will hang you." Rasputin's power at court was farreaching. He used it skilfully to accelerate the Grand Duke's downfall .

Organized 1916 Offensive

Transferred to the Caucasus, Nicho-(and then on the defensive), were the las put fresh life into the Asiatic cam-February 16, Trebizond on April 13 September, 1915. a more advanced military people tri- and cleared Armenia of the Turks umphing over the morale and equip- from the Black Sea south to Lake Van. Carnathian sector.

rom the Caucasus in March, 1917. buses. The Paisley b tionary faction wanted to have a member of the imperial family at the head You can't travel far on a lame exof the armies. Nicholas returned to cuse.

stantinople early in 1919 he was transported to Italy, with several other footnotes, and, indeed, they are not we find in it what makes us most members of the imperial family, on a called for. A philosophy which keenly conscious that we are bringing British warship.

Considerate of Soldiera

Nicholas was a striking picture of ern Europe and the Russian armies a soldier. More than six feet three were to show themselves capable of inches in height, with a handsome, aristocratic face and an erect military Nicholas was not responsible for the figure, he looked the guardsman of tradition. His tastes were simple, almost ascetic. He was absorbed in his ous as they might have been. But the profession and avoided social dissipa-

Though a grand seigneur, he was ex-Rasputin. The sinister adventurer diers under him and considerate of who won the Czarina's confidence had their welfare. He became the choice

His wife, the Grand Duchess Anastasia, was a Montenegrin princess, side to comprise every good. The beyond. . . . George Romanowski, the Duke of Leuchtenberg. She and her sister, tained. Yet the man is great, for have each of us to ask ourselves at also a grand duchess, were highly in the quality of his striving is great. the outset a great question. We have fluential figures in St. Petersburg, and Lofty designs must close in like ef- to ascertain of what we are really Russian armies able to meet the Gerpaign. He organized and directed the was their hostility to Rasputin which, fects.' mans on nearly equal terms. As Hindashing winter and spring offensive of in part, occasioned Nicholas's removal

"The first duty of life is to seek to not given to us to excel in, the quality denburg once explained it, it was the 1916, which captured Erzerum on as Russian commander-in-chief in

or Kurdistan, all Russian efforts being not easy to hide—one cannot conceal capacity. centred in the Russian efforts being a motor bus about one's person—and centred in the Brusiloff drives in the disposal would be difficult, unless among the strange traders of the "A life into which our whole pose, that the measure of success The Grand Duke was ordered home world there exists a receiver of stolen strength is thrown, in which we look lies.

Flirting With Jungle King



TOGARE, THE LION TAMER, WEARING LIVING FUR

Wonderful power over the king of beasts is possessed by Togare, who is paying his first visit to England, thrilling all beholders at the Olympic circus

Lord Haldane On Opportunities

In a Volume of Essays Britain's Grand Old Man Answers the Question of How Man Can Realize On Life's Opportunities

MORAL POWER WINS

"The short preface bears this year's date, and it must have been under philosophy of practical life. A reflect life and Elsie Mackay were lost. tion of legitimate pride may perhaps be inferred. With one exception the more real may become the choice these essays date from before the of that high aim of man, the dedicat-

sophic studies must, and their prop-that for which we are not fit, and the hecy has been substantially fulfilled. peril of falling unconsciously into in-Lord Haldane has, however, let his sincerity and unreality of purpose. destroyed by a war."

ment," in its review of Selected Adgives, do not paralyse. They save dresses and Essays, by Viscount him who has won them from num-

power, that commands predominance realize these limits. in the world," said Viscount Haldane, "But they do not dishearten him, goes on to say:-

purpose, though high, may be re- "I know no career more noble than stricted. The end may never be at that of a life so consecrated. We

comprehend clearly what our strength of our striving will be deficient. will let us accomplish, and then to "But, given the capacity to redo it with all our might. This may cognize and seek after what is really There was a touch of Mark Twain's not, regarded from outside, appear to the highest in a particular depart-In July the Russian front was pushed story of the Stolen White Elephant'in the spectator to be the greatest of ment of life, then it is not the atwest from Erzerum 100 miles farther he escapade of some Paisley youths possible careers, but the ideal career tainment of some external goal—itself to Erzingan. From that time on there who stole a motor bus—scarcely a is the one in which we can be great- of limited and transcient imporwas little activity in either Armenia case of petty larceny. Such a theft is est according to the limits of our tance—but in earnestness and con-

Such a Life is Dedicated

singleness of purpose has dominated them throughout.

"Thus it was with the life of a Socrates, a Spinoza, or a Newton; thus with the lives of men of action, Napoleon. We may well see their is human, the finite. But they cona clearly conceived purpose, and the great thinkers of his time. worked with their whole strength, and the greatest of them threw that strength into the striving after what was noblest. They hay have perished before their end appeared accomplished in time, and yet they have succeeded. The quality of their work lay in the very striving itself.

"The end, a profound modern thinker tells us in a great passage, does not wait to be accomplished; it is always accomplishing itself. 'In our finite human life we never realize or see that the end has in truth been reached. The completion of the infinite purpose is thus only the process of removing the illustion that it is not accomplished. The good, the absolutely good, is eternally working itself out in the world, and the results is that it is already there in its perfection, and does not need to wait for us.

"No Career More Noble" "The noblest of souls can find full satisfaction for his best aspirations

"The wider our outlook, the more we have assimilated the spirit of the possibilities of action open to us, and Kellogg.

utmost that is in him. . . .



HINCHLIFFE'S 'PLANE?

the shadow of death that Lord Part of undercarriage washed Haldane selected the papers, only ashore at Donegal, Ireland, may be seven all told, which sum up his section of plane in which Capt. Hinch-

ed life. We learn so to avoid the un-"But they look forward, as philo-conscious devotion of our energies te

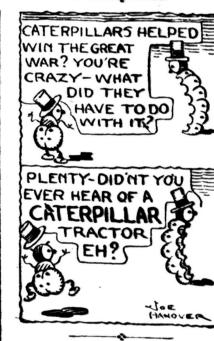
words stand as they were written and "We learn so to choose the work has resisted any temptation to add that is most congenial to us, because makes any pretence to be both pro- into actual existence the best that found and comprehensive cannot be lies latent in us. The wider outlook, the deeper sympathy, the keener in-"London Times Literary Supple- sight, which this kind of culture beriess pitfalls. They may teach mim his own limits, and the more he has "It is not brute force, but moral learned his lesson the more he will

in his Rectorial address at Edinburgh, for he has become familiar with the which opens the volume he prepared truth that the very essence of contremely simple and democratic in for press shortly before his death. He sciousness and of life is to be aware of limits and to strive to overcome "The only life that for us human them. - He knows that without limits beings can be perfect is the life that there can be no life, and that to have of one branch of the exiled Russians is dedicated. I mean by the expres- comprehended these limits is to have and "bless the armies." Nicholas had for the Czarship in case of restoration. sion a 'dedicated life' one that is with transcended them. As for what lies But he did not take that candidacy all its strength concentrated on a high beyond him he has realized that it is purpose. Such a life may not seem but as the height in front, which is to him who looks on only from out- gained only to disclose another height

centration of effort to accomplish what all recognize to be a noble pur-"So it was with Browning's Gram

marian. Men laughed at him while he lived. That did not matter.—In on the eastern European front had the east and southeast over Eastern the Duma, seizing the control of the tram service, and bursting into flames. all great men have been dedicated; fore him, and when his his was finished laid him to rest in the highest place they knew. For they saw the greatness of spirit of the man who chose what he could best accomplish. limited himself to that, and strove to such as Caesar and Cromwell and perfect his work with all his might." There must be many who will

limits; theirs was the sphere of what want this book, by a man who, in spite of misrepresentation and abuse centrated on the accomplishment of during his life, stands out as one of



Have you ever noticed that Mr. Busy Business Man is never too rushin the sustained effort to do his duty ed to watch the electric train wind in the work that lies at hand to the its tortuous way around the toy shop

There has been a notable quickenteachers of other nations and other ing of the public consciences to deages than our own, the more will the nounce war as a crime.—Secretary

S'MATTER POP-

And She's Betting On a Sure Thing.









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