

EX-ROMANOF CONFIDANTE SAYS CZAR IS ALIVE IN JAPAN

MAN HURT WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS AFTER COLLISION

Wife Follows Husband Falling From Overcrowded Street Car.

Three persons were injured, one seriously, in two accidents, police reports show today.

4 Persons have been killed in accidents in Marion County this year.

43 Have been injured in traffic accidents, making your duty to make the streets safe.

D. J. Mungovan, 1019 College Ave., riding with Inge, was taken home with a bruised head, and probable internal injuries.

Both drivers were slated on charges of assault and battery.

Charles O'Neal and his wife, apartment 3, 228 N. New Jersey St., were injured about the body in an unusual accident at Pennsylvania and E. Washington Sts.

Police Officer Van Sickle said the rear door on an E. Washington street car was swelled so it could not be entirely closed. O'Neal pulled the door open before the car reached the corner and fell backward out of the car, the officer said. His wife followed.

Story Rouses Interest

Her affirmative story has caused a ripple in international circles, and temporarily set aside sinister tales of butchery of the Romanoff royal family in the prison castle of Ekaterinburg, July 17, 1918.

Likewise it follows close on the heels of a counter narrative, supposedly issued by the Bolshevik government, to the effect that Nicholas is not only dead but his severed head is now a curiosity, preserved in a alcohol in a Russian museum.

But such accounts have not shaken Madame Gaevesky's faith.

Once an intimate of those moving in the inner circles of Russian society, and knowing well the nobility whose names were synonymous with the power of the old regime, she persists in belief of her story.

"It is indeed true," she stoutly maintains. "The little father is alive."

Live Hidden Life

"Those of unquestionable veracity have told me they have seen him."

"His life? Of that they cannot tell. None but his closest intimates know of that. Even his neighbors know him only as a man who shrouds himself in incommunicosity, who shrinks from contact with the street, who, it is, perhaps, a little queer, a bit feeble minded."

"But long before these people told me they had seen the czar, I knew that he had made his escape to Japan."

"In 1918, I first heard it, direct from those who heard it from the dowager empress herself."

Whether a myth fathered by wish, or a true high light in historical romance, belief in the escape of the czar is held by many of the Russian refugees here, says Madame Gaevesky.

"Imperialists were busy during the days when the 'little father' and his family were prisoners of the soviet. Royalists spies penetrated into the royal council and carried back reports to their superiors, the chiefs of the plotters," she relates.

"Escaped by Ruse"

"One night as the imperial family sat with their meditations on what the future might hold, the door opened, and a small group of peasants entered. Peasants in dress, but not deportment. With all the grace of the court, they saluted the czar."

"They told him of the plot. He was to escape in the dress of a peasant, while one of the number, very similar in face, figure and carriage to the czar, was to stay behind in his place, to avoid pursuit."

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