

MYSTERY IS LIFTED FROM CZAR'S DEATH

Only Few Links Lacking to Complete Details of Execution Story.

FAMILY SLAIN BY REDS

Loyal Retainers Risk Lives to Get True Facts in Drama of 1918.

This is the first of four articles based on investigations by a United Press correspondent into the actual facts of the execution of Czar Nicholas II of Russia, the czar and his children by Bolsheviks in 1918, the recovery of their bodies which were removed to France and the circumstances surrounding their secret burial there.

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PARIS, Feb. 16.—Mystery and conflict around the story of the Bolshevik annihilation of the imperial Romanoff family of Russia in a blaze of machine gun fire almost have been solved after twelve years.

Only one or two links in the long chain of episodes—deathless acts of loyalty, incidents of treachery, fearless adventures and international intrigue—which rose from the deaths of the imperial family remain to be disclosed and these will not be known while a Communist government rules from the Kremlin and the imperial white army wanders in exile.

From men and women closest to the action, came an account which had as its prelude a crash of gun fire in the dark cellar of a house at Ekaterinburg in 1918 and as its climax the secret burial in France of the remains of the czar and his family which had been found and transported from Soviet territory under greatest hardships.

Disguised as Peasant

The former minister of justice, M. S. Skolnikoff, appointed during the short-lived Kolchak regime explained to the United Press how the investigation was conducted.

The actual investigation was carried out by Judge Sokoloff, a man of unquestioned probity, who dealt a hundred times, disguised as a peasant, to reach Ekaterinburg about the time of the White army. Starykevitch said:

"Five days after the murder of the imperial Russian family white Russian detachments occupied Ekaterinburg. Various members of the judicial chose Judge Sokoloff to conduct the investigation of the murder. Moreover, it must be remembered that I was an ardent Socialist, I was not a Monarchist.

"The judicial inquiry showed that the central figure of the murder was a certain Countess, feared the approach of the White army of Kolchak would result in the escape of the imperial family probably to Germany.

Lenin Was Opposed

"It thus was decided that they should be shot immediately. The resolution was confirmed by the regional committee who transmitted the information to Moscow. Lenin was against the assassination, fearing eventual complications.

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"The Grand Duchess Anastasia, then 16, and the youngest, were then treated the soldiers were not to shoot her sisters, but the inquiry shows that she herself was beaten, bayoneted and then shot, while the terrified children were lined up and slain.

Servants Met Same Fate

"The four servants shared the same fate, and the firing squad did not even spare the little dog.

"The remaining then were moved to a remote village of Kortkiy, near Palga, where they were covered with oil and burned, then cut to pieces and thrown into an abandoned mine pit, where they were found by Judge Sokoloff.

"Pieces of jewelry, clothing and other objects, including the ring finger of the empress with the gold band battered to prevent recognition, were carefully gathered up and subjected to the closest examination, so that Judge Sokoloff and his aides were convinced that the remains were none other than those of the murdered imperial family.

"The objects were put into four cases and their shipment out of Russia, after Ekaterinburg had been reinvaded by Red troops, only could have been accomplished with the aid of Allied and so-called neutral officers and officials."

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Elope Twice in 90 Days



Twice in the last ninety days, youthful Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Senger, above, of Cleveland, have eloped. Three months ago Senger stopped his flivver in front of the high school attended by his sweetheart, Miss Helen Huff, 16, picked her up and drove her to Indianapolis, where they were married.

When they returned home, the bride's parents sent her to visit friends, and Senger could not find her. Finally she tossed her suitcase out of a window, jumped out after it, and went to join her husband.

CATHEDRAL TO BE SCENE OF FUNERAL

Rites for Louis Buddenbaum Second to Be Held in Scottish Rite Home.

For the second time in the history of Indianapolis Scottish Rite, funeral services were to be held in the order's home today for Louis G. Buddenbaum, active member of the supreme council for Indiana, thirty-third degree, who died in Methodist hospital Saturday.

The body lay in state from noon until 2:30, hour of the funeral, in the Scottish Rite cathedral, which he helped build. Around it a uniformed guard from the 101st Cavalary, No. 1, Knights Templar, stood, and the knights were to escort the cortege from the cathedral to the grave in Crown Hill cemetery.

Other Funeral in 1905

The only other funeral in the home was in 1905, in the old temple on South Pennsylvania street, where final tribute was paid John Caven, former mayor and first Indiana deputy for the Scottish Rite.

Dr. Lewis Brown, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, orator of Indianapolis chapter of Rose Croix, who officiated on that occasion, was to serve also for today's ceremonies.

Mr. Buddenbaum was an organizer and officer of the Raper drill teams of more than two decades ago that won several national competitive drill prizes. He was a past three potent master of Adoniram Lodge of Perfection; potentate of Murat temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of St. James Council No. 16, Red Cross of Constantinople.

High in Masonic Order

He was a member of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 398, F. & A. M.; Indianapolis council, No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; high priest of Keystone chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, and became a thirty-third degree Mason Sept. 18, 1923.

He was born in Indianapolis, and established the Buddenbaum Lumber Company, Survivors are the widow, and a brother, Harry Buddenbaum, Indianapolis. Mr. Buddenbaum lived at 4859 English avenue.

SHOE MEN MEET HERE

Representatives of 100 Firms Hear Bush.

Lieutenant Governor Edgar Bush addressed representatives of 100 firms attending the Indiana Shoe Traders' Association annual convention at the Claypool.

James H. Stone, general manager and secretary of the National Shoe Retailers' Association and former editor of the Shoe Retailer, was the honor guest.

Homer H. Beals of Noblesville will speak Tuesday. Annual ball will feature the close of the convention Tuesday night.

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Back to Farm

By Times Special

GREENSBURG, Ind., Feb. 16.—"This joint has run down like the very devil since I left," declared Thomas Robbins, of this city as he entered the state penal farm at Putnamville to serve six months for possession of liquor. "I'll take six months to get that cow barn cleaned out, so I might as well get busy." Robbins' sentence was affirmed recently by the Indiana supreme court, almost two years after conviction in Decatur circuit court here.

Leslie Standing Firm

However, Governor Harry G. Leslie has announced himself uncompromisingly opposed to a special session and if he refuses to call one, there would be only one recourse. This would be by failure of the assembly to pass the biennial appropriation bill and leaders of both houses say they entertain no thought of such a recourse.

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Speaker Myers said today he is making every effort to bring the budget before the house this week for consideration as a committee of the whole.

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TAX BILLS IN SPOTLIGHT IN LEGISLATURE

Strong Pressure Is Brought to Bear for Special Assembly Session.

GOV. LESLIE SAYS 'NO'

Democratic Income and Corporation Tariff Measures Up.

Indiana's legislators, harried by the necessity of putting through tax reform measures within three weeks or resisting strong pressure for a special session, reconvened in both houses today with the Democratic income and corporation tax bills occupying not merely the center, but the entire stage.

Week-end conferences between Lieutenant Governor Edgar D. Bush and Walter Myers, speaker of the house, brought from Bush the announcement the senate would be resolved into a committee of the whole Tuesday if the house can get all its amendments into the personal income and corporation bills at a special order of business session tonight at 7:30.

Farm organization leaders, fearful that income tax measures will be the only ones enacted during the present session and that they may be declared unconstitutional, are behind demands for a special session at the close of the current session, March 8.

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GET FAT? NEVER, NEVER!

Curves Shunned by Famous Beauties



Irene Delroy . . . gym work helps her survive the pace.

Mary Pickford . . . psychology does it for her.

Winnie Lightner . . . lost twenty pounds in three weeks.

CURVES may come and curves may go, but woman's abhorrence of excess avoirdupois lives on forever.

Just because the high priestesses of fashion put their stamp of approval on curves some time ago, it doesn't mean that women have abandoned their war on the waistline.

Take Mary Pickford, for instance. She once weighed 118 pounds. But Mary isn't very tall. So curves or no curves, "America's sweetheart" intends to retain her present weight of 102, which she says she achieved by psychology.

"I just think what I want to weigh," she said recently, "and when I decide on that weight strongly enough it is no effort to maintain it."

AND Mary, Garden, perennial bouquet of operatic vivacity, isn't going to let the scales balance against her for more than 120 pounds. Time was when the opera star admitted 149 pounds.

She has a number of reducing formulas. "Say no" at the dinner table is one. If this scheme doesn't work, Mary steps out into the Mediterranean from her villa in southern France and indulges in swimming without inconvenience of a bathing suit or takes sea massages.

Winnie Lightner, of stage and screen fame, prefers gymnastics to keep plumpitude in step with popularity. Recently, Winnie found herself a bit too hefty.

She engaged a trainer and went to work in a gym. In three weeks she took of twenty pounds and now she knows she can make her figure to order.

IRENE DELROY, feature of many Broadway hits, also turns to the gymnasium to survive the pace of stardom as well as to add to and subtract from her figure without missing a line.

Kathleen King, movie actress, is another exponent of gymnasium exercises, but her reducing efforts ended somewhat disastrously recently.

Kathleen, you remember, was accused of attacking Buster Keaton, the funster, in his dressing room.

The vogue for comparative plumpness may end some of the dangerous reducing fads.

Girls like Molly O'Day, who became too fat for ingenue roles, and submitted to a surgeon's knife to remove excess poundage, will not be forced to resort to such drastic methods.

And the new type of figure should put an end to such tragedies as that of Allyn King, Follies prima donna; Marietta Miller, German film actress; Barbara La Marr and Katherine Grant, who paid with death or dangerous illness for their drastic diets.

FIRE OVERCOMES 20.

Several Deaths Averted in Explosion.

By United Press

CINCINNATI, Feb. 16.—Twenty persons, including eight girl employees, were overcome when fire broke out in the Pick Pen Company plant here today and fumes from burning celluloid and other materials filled the building.

An explosion preceded the fire and only the fact that the plant had three exits through which seventy-five other employees escaped, averted loss of life, firemen declared.

POWER COMPANY SUED

Real Estate Dealer Demands \$12,600 for Service as Appraiser.

Suit for \$12,600 damages against the Indianapolis Power and Light Company for services as an appraiser in right-of-way easement proceedings, was filed in superior court one today by Frank F. Wooling, real estate dealer.

Wooling alleges he was an employee of the utility from January to August, 1930, and that his fee should have been \$12,600 more than he received.

MURDER TERM TO BE FOUGHT

Lawyer Acts to Set Aside Youth's Guilty Plea.

Legal tilt to set aside a life sentence pronounced on William A. Brown, 19, of Indianapolis, Saturday after the youth pleaded guilty to the murder of Patrolman Walter Garrison of Rushville, was to be started in Rush circuit court today by William Brown, the boy's father.

The youth, his attorney, Paul Scharf, charges, pleaded guilty to first degree murder without consulting his relatives, and was to have been tried today on a plea of not guilty to the killing.

Life sentences was given the youth Saturday when C. M. George, Rush county pauper attorney, announced to Judge John A. Tisworth, that young Brown was willing to accept life sentence rather than take the chance of being sentenced to the electric chair.

Scharf, asserting he is the youth's attorney, said a defense was being prepared preliminary to trial. Scharf failed in an attempt to have the case venue out of Rush county when Tisworth overruled the petition Saturday, it was said.

WORKS BOARD O. K'S IRVINGTON FIRE PLAN

Proposed \$167,449 improvement program of the Indianapolis Water Company to give Irvington adequate fire protection was approved by the works board today.

Contract let to the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company calls for construction of a 100-foot tower topped by a 1,500,000-gallon tank. Work will begin within ten days.

Higher than downtown Indianapolis, Irvington now does not have adequate pressure for fires during crises, the board was told by W. C. Mabey, engineer, and H. S. Morse, water company general manager.

PRINCES HEAD FOR HOMELAND OF INCAS

By United Press

AREQUIPA, Peru, Feb. 16.—En route to the heart of Inca land, the prince of Wales and Prince George traveled toward Cuzco, high in the Andes, today.

The royal brothers arrived Sunday afternoon by airplane from Lima. After five hours, during which they attended a reception at the Arequipa Club, they boarded a special train for the ancient capital, where royalty reigned 400 years ago.

Fall Kills Circus Queen

Miss Lillian Leitzel, queen of the tanbark and world's premier gymnast, died early Sunday morning in Copenhagen, Denmark, from injuries suffered in a fall.

She was the highest paid circus performer of the world. Indianapolis residents will remember her as the star performer yearly for the Ringling Brothers when they showed at the Keystone avenue circus grounds.

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RITCHIE SEEKS PRESIDENCY ON REPEAL STAND

Law Regulating Shipments His Only Substitute for Dry Amendment.

FRIENDS PRESS BOOM

Rising Tide of Opposition to Prohibition, Asserts Maryland Governor.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER,
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ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 16.—Unconditional repeal of the eighteenth amendment without any federal substitute except a law regulating interstate shipments of liquor to protect dry states is the platform upon which Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland will offer himself as a receptive candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year.

Governor Ritchie, just entering his fourth term, has made no formal announcement of his candidacy, but his friends already are at work on his behalf.

Large campaign buttons bearing his photograph and the slogan "Our Next President," are being worn around the statehouse here. He stepped aside for Governor Smith in 1928 and his friends believe he has earned the right to press his candidacy next year.

Repeal Is First Task

Governor Ritchie will take his case on a conviction that there is a rapidly growing tide of opposition to prohibition which by next year will lead the Democratic party to take the anti-prohibition side of the contest.

"In enacting federal prohibition the government of the United States entered upon a field which it should never have invaded," he said. "Numerous suggestions have been made for dealing with the unfortunate conditions which have resulted from this unwise step. But I think the first thing to do about it is to repeal the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act and turn the problem back to the states."

"There is just one safeguard that should be insisted upon and that is federal legislation similar to the Webb-Kenyon act of pre-prohibition days by which the federal government would prevent shipment of liquor into states having prohibition. This is a control over interstate commerce which the federal government should properly exercise."

Cites Wickersham Report

"What I said in my recent address regarding the injury prohibition has done to the cause of reason and temperance, the unhappy temptations it has offered to the youth of the land and the lawlessness and disregard for law which have resulted from putting prohibition into the Constitution, has been fully borne out by the report of the Wickersham commission."

"It is a pity that this report was subjected to a misleading interpretation as favoring the present experiment when at least six of the commission favor repeal of the eighteenth amendment."

The Governor pointed out that two of the commissioners favored unconditional repeal while four others favored immediate revision or modification to permit flexible control, which, in the words of Dean Roscoe Pound, would be "adapted to local conditions in places where, as things are at least, it is futile to seek a nationally