

RUSSIAN ROYAL FAMILY'S ASHES ARE IN FRANCE

Czar's Special Friend Hopes for Killers' Trial or Investigation.

This is the third of a series of articles dealing with the slaying of the czar and his family.

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PARIS, Feb. 18.—The purported remains of the imperial Russian family are not only in good "Russian" hands, but are in the special care of a friend and confidant of the one time royal family—Monsieur de Giers, former Russian ambassador in Rome and at present a refugee in France, the United Press is advised.

The casket containing the remains of the imperial family; that is, the czar, the czarina, their five children, including the crown prince and four grand duchesses, together with four royal servants and a pet dog, are now buried "somewhere in France."

Evidence in Secret Place

Monsieur de Giers is silent regarding the disposition of three other cases. These cases contain legal evidence of the assassination at Ekaterinburg and are held for the ultimate disposition of the Russian monarchists should the Soviet regime fall.

It is understood that ashes of the royal family are not in the family vault of the custodian, but in the vault of a friend of the old Russian regime, who lives near de Giers and who believes that some day the remains of the czar and his family will form the nucleus of one of the world's greatest monuments.

Dr. Giers appears somewhat skeptical about the exact proof of the Russian judges who found the Czar's body and those of his family.

Guardian Puzzled

De Giers is somewhat puzzled by the abrupt study made of the imperial family of Sokoloff, whom he doesn't know very well.

"It is true that I have received from General Janin some remarkable objects pertaining to the imperial family at the time of their execution, but I have no absolute proof.

"I think that the documents take part in a more practical way in the departure from Ekaterinburg, where it seems obvious that the Russian family met their fate.

"It is also the more logical since the Kolchak anti-revolutionary army was nearing the gates of Ekaterinburg and that the Soviet officials, being of a secondary district, misinterpreted most of the instructions, and went ahead with the brutal murder of the czar of Russia."

Demand for Trial Expected

De Giers seems to indicate that he would like a free and frank investigation of the entire tragedy.

"There are several persons still living who know about the assassination of the czar, and if time ever unscrews their mouths, we shall perhaps possess one of the most historic relics of the world," he said.

De Giers believes there is no doubt that should the present Russian regime ever fall, or become more universally moderate, there will be a big demand on the part of the allies to have the assassination case reopened, and to have the imperial family placed in some adequate tomb in Russia.

Next—Custodian refuses to give up relics.

TWO ROAD BILLS PASS

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Two bills, limiting to \$20 a mile the amount to be spent on preliminary surveys for roads prior to issuance of bonds. Tuesday was passed on to the senate for final action in an amended form by the Indiana house.

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