

# CZAR'S FAMILY ARE POISONED

Sudden Death of Little Princess Elizabeth of Hesse Gives Rise to Rumors of Wholesale Attempted Assassination.

RUSSIA'S RULER AND CZARINA VERY ILL.

Prostrated After Partaking of Food Prepared for the Royal Household—Unable to Attend Funeral of Niece.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—A well-verified report has just reached here that the death of the little Princess Elizabeth of Hesse, which occurred suddenly at Skiernewice, Poland, was due to poison, and that an attempt was made to poison both the Czar and Czarina at the same time.

The Princess Elizabeth and her father, the Grand Duke of Hesse, were the guests of the Czar and Czarina at Skiernewice, Princess Elizabeth died in agony, and, it is said, the Czarina was made very ill, while the Czar was more or less affected by the poison, which is said to have been administered in food sent to the royal table.

The fact that neither the Czar nor Czarina attended the funeral of Princess Elizabeth caused no little comment, but it is now said that they were too ill to do so.

The first statement issued on the death of Princess Elizabeth was that she had died of a particularly malignant attack of typhoid fever.

An attempt has been made to hush up the gossip concerning the attempted poisoning, and all mention of the affair has been forbidden in Russia. It is known that a searching investigation is being made.

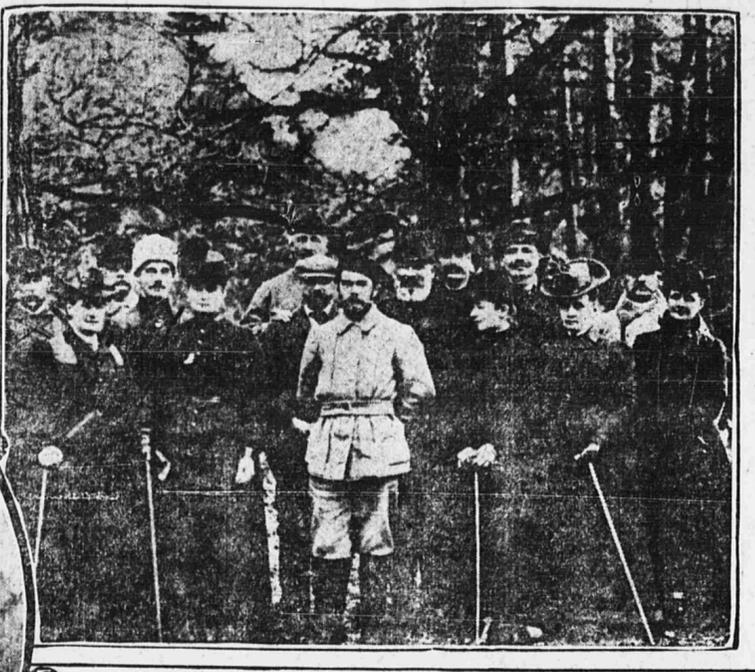
The Grand Duchess of Coburg, mother of the divorced Grand Duchess of Hesse, has been trying to effect a reconciliation between her daughter and the Grand Duke since the death of Princess Elizabeth. Her efforts have been without effect, however, as it is known that the Grand Duchess of Hesse is deeply in love with the Grand Duke Cyril of Russia. He is her cousin and may some day ascend the throne of Russia.

**PARDON PAPERS REACH HIM.**  
THOMASTON, Me., Nov. 21.—The pardon papers signed by President Roosevelt for Ephraim Clark, who was serving a life sentence in State prison for murder in the Jefferson-Borden mutiny case on the high seas, arrived to-day. Clark was promptly set at liberty.

# RULER OF RUSSIA, HIS NIECE, PRINCESS ELIZABETH, WHO DIED FROM EFFECTS OF POISON, AND A ROYAL HUNTING PARTY.



The Czar



CZARINA. CZAR.



Princess Elizabeth of Hesse

## LOST HER JEWELRY WHILE OUT DRIVING

Mrs. Harry Martin, whose husband is the foreman in a newspaper composing-room, has asked the Brooklyn police to find her chamois bag of diamond jewelry, which she lost from her carriage while driving along Coney Island Boulevard.

Mrs. Martin said she did not like to leave the jewels at her home, at No. 236 Garfield place, Brooklyn, so she took them with her, tying the bag under her cape. When her coachman had put the horses and carriage in the stable she missed the bag. It evidently had dropped somewhere along the boulevard.

The bag contained a solitaire diamond ring worth \$200, a diamond sunburst pin, \$200, a diamond and opal ring, \$50; three small rings, \$100, and a diamond stud, \$100.

**Sunday World Wants Work Monday Morning Wonders.**

## HEARS HER BABY'S DEATH CRY IN FIRE

Frantic Mother, After Rescuing One Child from Burning Home, Unable to Reach Her Infant, Who Perishes in the Flames.

After heroically rescuing one of her children from the burning of her home to-day, Mrs. Isaac Barber, of Willow street, Red Bank, N. J., rushed back into the flames to save her five months' old baby.

The bedroom was blazing so fiercely that she could not enter it, but she could hear the pitiful cries of the baby as it was being burned to death.

Firemen rescued Mrs. Barber, who became hysterical, and it is said her condition has become serious. When the flames were extinguished part of the house had been destroyed. The charred body of the infant was found, where it had been burned, in its bed.

## 'L' MEN NOT OVERWORKED.

Calderwood So Declares at B. R. T. Wreck Investigation.

State Railroad Commissioners' Dunn, Baker and Dickey went to Brooklyn to-day to investigate the cause of the accident on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit elevated road last Thursday night.

The investigation was held in the office of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. Testimony of trainmen and witnesses was taken.

## QUEEN VICTORIA'S DOUBLE IS DEAD

Mrs. Kate Sutton, Who Claimed Relationship to the Guelph Family, Asphyxiated in Her Room in Williamsburg.

## QUARRELLED WITH FATHER.

Came to New York Thirty-five Years Ago and Pride Forbade Her Making Overtures for a Reconciliation with Her People.

Mrs. Kate Sutton, sixty-four years old, who always claimed relationship to the Guelph family and who greatly resembled in appearance Queen Victoria, was found dead to-day in her room in the home of Mrs. Selma Malone, No. 199 South First street, Williamsburg. The gas was turned on but not lighted, and death had been by asphyxiation.

Mrs. Sutton told a remarkable story of herself, which is repeated by all who knew her. She said that she was a Guelph, as was Queen Victoria, and that she quarrelled with her father in England thirty-five years ago and came to America. Since then, she said, she was too proud to return home or even ask the royal favor which her family could show her.

Her physical and facial resemblance to Queen Victoria was noted by every one and in this she took a great pride. In recent years she had supported herself by washing windows and doing odd work that she could get, but in the last few months she had been unable to work. It is believed she had become dependent.

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## WOMAN DEAD FROM ACID.

She Swallowed Fatal Dose When Husband Failed to Return Home.

NEWARK, Nov. 21.—Mrs. John J. Smith, twenty-six years old, of No. 225 Hilles avenue, committed suicide to-day by swallowing carbolic acid. Her husband failed to return home last night with his week's wages, and it is said the woman became despondent because she had no money in the house.

## GOMPERS RE-ELECTED.

Again Chosen President of the Labor Federation by a Big Vote.

BOSTON, Nov. 21.—Samuel Gompers was to-day re-elected President of the American Federation of Labor by a vote of 12,524 to 1,124 cast for Krefetz, his opponent.

## MRS. O'BRIEN WAS BARRED FROM HOME

Inmates Disobeyed the Order of the Court and Woman Who Lost Divorce Suit Was Compelled to Go to a Hotel.

## CONVENT FOR CHILDREN.

Justice Leventritt Had Formally Directed that the House Should Be Open to Her Until the Decree Was Entered.

Robert L. Turk, of No. 141 Broadway, attorney for Mrs. Abbie Ella O'Brien, against whom a verdict was rendered yesterday in the suit for divorce instituted by her husband, former Sheriff James O'Brien, declared to-day that Mrs. O'Brien had been unable to gain entrance to her former home, at No. 11 West Eighty-sixth street. Justice Leventritt had directed that Mrs. O'Brien should have free access to the house until the decree had been entered.

According to Mr. Turk, he was called on the phone about 7 o'clock last night by Mrs. O'Brien from the Hotel Endicott, who said that she had been at her former home with her two children, but had been refused admittance.

"I communicated with Police Headquarters," said Mr. Turk, "and from there word was sent to the West One Hundredth street station to have a policeman go around to the house to investigate. He may have found that there was no trouble."

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## SPANKING A BLOW TO SWAY OF CRIME

So Says Magistrate Connorton, Who To-Day is Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Birth.

## SPARE SLIPPER, SPOIL WIFE.

"Happy Little Magistrate" Tells Why He Has Great Faith in the Old-Fashioned Form of Punishment for Unruly Females.

Magistrate Luke J. Connorton, the undisputed authority on family difficulties and the famous prescriber of spanking as a punishment for unruly matrons and maids, is to-day celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his birth. His friends in Long Island City are celebrating more than is the "Happy Little Magistrate." There is to be a birthday party to-night and it will probably last over until to-morrow.

The advocacy of spanking as a punishment for a woman who disobeys her husband, or for a miss who disobeys her father, is only one wave in the ocean of wisdom which has flown from Magistrate Connorton's bench.

"The only way to admonish the feminine gender is to spank it," repeated the Magistrate to-day. "And none of your love tans. Take a long slipper that has been worn until it is limber, or a wooden-backed hair brush. Spare the slipper and spoil the wife."

"I believe crime is on the decrease. At least it is in Long Island City. We have very little crime here now. It is mostly family rows, and in adjusting those things I am right at home. I don't suppose any one has made as many happy homes—or made as many homes happy—as I have."

"I have come to the conclusion that forty-five per cent of all law-breaking is due to rum. Another forty-five per cent can be traced to woman and the cause that makes just her case, of all crime attributable to wine and women. Why are we to do about it?"

"We can stop the liquor business, but woman? Well, bless her soul, if she is spanked enough we may be able to cut down that forty-five per cent of crime. But we can't get along without her."

## ST. PAUL IN GOOD SHAPE.

Rebuilt American Liner Will Sail Again Saturday.

The American line steamship St. Paul arrived to-day from the Cramp yards, at Philadelphia, where she has been refitted and the engines and boilers overhauled.

The St. Paul will sail from here with passengers and mail on next Saturday. She will be commanded by Capt. W. J. Roberts. The purser will be R. E. Urquhart, chief steward William Revo, and her physician, Dr. H. G. Geisinger, who has been transferred from the Zealand. Dr. Geisinger has distinguished himself as an astronomer, having invented an instrument for finding the ship's position by star reading.

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