

Modern Mystery Women

SLAVE-GIRL, RULER OF RESTLESS COUNTRY.

At no other period in history has there been a greater galaxy of baffling feminine personalities than exists at the present time.

One of the most remarkable women in the world is the mystery woman Saradul Khevatun—the woman who rules Afghanistan.

This sinister personage is scarcely known in this country, but in her own turbulent realm she is feared by every one, even the Amir Amanullah himself. Saradul is no legendary figure, but a woman almost fanatical in her devotion to Islam.

In fact, the extent of this mysterious woman's power is only dimly realized outside India and the East. No one will know what she will do next, for she is cunning to the last degree.

Love at First Sight.

Another mysterious woman whose exploits are common talk in America is Bianca Carbenno, the former slave girl, who now governs the Mexican State of Yucatan.

Yucatan, which has an area equal to more than half that of England, recently became a self-governing state, the change being brought about in a remarkable manner. A few months

ago President Obregon of Mexico appointed a certain Senor Philip Puerto as Governor of the State. Shortly after taking up his residence at the Government Palace at Merida, Yucatan's chief city, Puerto paid a round of visits to various prominent landowners.

Riding one day through a plantation, he noticed a good-looking girl working among the maize. He fell in love with her and made her a promise of marriage. Soon after this there was an uprising in Merida, one of the results of which was that a "People's Committee" was formed to govern the State, with Bianca Carbenno, formally installed in the Governor's Palace, at its head.

This resourceful girl had taken advantage of her friendship with the Governor to learn the secrets of the central government, and to depose its representative. At the present time Yucatan is ruled solely by Bianca, and her colleagues on the committee, one of the latest of their innovations being that a married man or woman may be granted a divorce simply for the asking, without the formality of going to law or even giving an explanation.

Bhopal's Veiled Ruler.

Much is heard at intervals of that strange and romantic figure, the Begum of Bhopal.

Besides being hereditary Governor of the State of Bhopal, this remarkable

woman is one of India's wisest rulers. Most of her time is spent at the gorgeous palace at Sadir Mansil, where she is surrounded by councillors and officials, as well as by a faithful army and a bodyguard that for sheer magnificence is probably unsurpassed.

When, last year, the Prince of Wales visited the Begum, he found himself confronted by a short, plump, blue-robed woman, who regarded him and the world in general through a triangular slit in her veil, for in conformity with the Mohammedan custom, she never shows her face to a man.

Dignified in manner, she is absolute ruler of her people, and allows no one, not even her son and heir-apparent, to dispute her wishes and commands.

The majority of people, except those who are residents in Australasia, have never heard of Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald, yet she is one of the most wonderful women in the world. Trader, engineer, builder, farmer, stock breeder, ship-owner, and mine-owner, she is the uncorrupted queen of an island known as Sudet, near New Guinea, where she has lived for the past thirty years.

Her career is one of the most romantic ever known. After a series of amazing adventures, including fights with cannibals, she managed to obtain a footing on the island, whose 17,000 inhabitants she has ruled ever since. A tall, commanding

figure, she thinks nothing of sailing about the Pacific alone in a small cutter, or of searching into the New Guinea interior in search of recruits for her plantations.

On one occasion, hearing that a certain native was wanted for murder, she set off into the jungle, tracked down the criminal, and compelled him, at the point of the rifle, to surrender. After this she chained him to a tree and kept him prisoner until the police arrived two days later.

For the past thirty years there has lived amid the snows of the Himalayas, six thousand feet above the sea level, an Englishwoman named Mary Reed, who has devoted her whole life to service among the lepers.

Her name and her work deserve to be known the world over. As a result of her devotion to the lepers' cause, she herself has contracted the disease. Yet she continues to labor in that far away clearing in the Himalayan wastes, mindful of nothing but the cause she has at heart.

Woman Who Makes Millions.

The personality of Mrs. Yone Suzuki, the world's wealthiest woman, as well as one of its biggest business magnates, is one that baffles two hemispheres. There has never been a woman like her in history.

Twenty years ago she was the wife of a moderately well-to-do Japanese business man. To-day she is a widow worth millions, her fortune being entirely her own making.

Exactly how Mrs. Suzuki rose from comparative obscurity to world-wide prominence in commercial circles is a romance that one day will form the subject of an absorbing volume. Her husband was a member of the school in Japan. He would hear nothing of a woman going into business. When he died Mrs. Suzuki determined to show Japan—and the world—that the right sort of woman is quite capable of succeeding on her own account.

She sold the property her husband left her, and invested the money in a jute factory. From a seat on the board of the company she attained the managing-directorship, after which she bought the other shareholders, lock, stock, and barrel.

Reward of Hard Work.

Now, after twenty years' hard work Mrs. Suzuki is as well known in the markets of Britain and America as she is in those of her native country. She owns sugar refineries; zinc, lead, and copper mines; foundries; flour mills; cotton mills; celluloid factories; steel works; rubber plantations and factories; shipyards and ships—a whole fleet of them. Her name is seen on office doors in London, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Hong-Kong, Tokio, and in nearly all the big cities of Australia.

This little Japanese woman has won for herself a place in business and industry comparable with that of Lord Leverhulme in this country. And it is due to her own hard work and initiative.

Criminals' New Foe.

Dr. Bernard Spilsbury, the world-famous Home Office medical expert, is retiring. His successor will be Dr. R. M. Bronte, who has already figured in many sensational cases in Ireland. He has been pathologist at four Dublin hospitals.

Dr. Bronte, who is a descendant of Charlotte Bronte, the great novelist, tells the following delightful story: "The senior curate was a very eloquent preacher, and always drew a larger congregation than the vicar, who was a very good man, but not so popular with the ladies of the parish. The vicar decided that they both must go."

"When the senior curate entered the pulpit to preach his farewell sermon, this was the text: 'Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go up yonder and worship.'"

Phantoms of The Sea.

A good deal has been heard recently about the appearance of ghosts on land. Many a village has its haunted house or lane, duly regarded with varying degrees of awe by the inhabitants.

This being so, it is not surprising that the sea also possesses its quota of legendary uncanniness.

There is the famous Flying Dutchman, or phantom ship, of Vanderdecken. What truth there is in the frequent reports that it has been sighted it is difficult to say, but historically there is no doubt that rather a hot-tempered man of that name many years ago left Holland for the East, by way of the Cape of Good Hope.

Cornwall's Spectre Ship.

The story is that, meeting with baffling winds, he swore a terrible oath, in consequence of which the Divine wrath decreed that he should for ever endeavour to weather that headland.

Another strange sea ghost story is that during January, 1947, a vessel left New Haven, Connecticut, but was never heard of again.

One evening in the following June, after a severe storm, she was seen coming up the river. The inhabitants were overjoyed at her return, but something uncanny was noticed about

her, especially as she was sailing against the wind.

To the onlookers' consternation she gradually faded away and disappeared. Longfellow has marked the occurrence in poetry:—

On she came, with a cloud of canvas, Right against the wind that blew, Until the eye could distinguish The faces of the crew.

And the masts, with all their rigging, Fell slowly one by one, And the hull dilated and vanished As a sea-mist in the sun.

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The Royal Bank of Canada.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

30th NOVEMBER, 1922.

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:	
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 94,408,078.82
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	277,595,882.29
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$372,003,961.11
Balance due to Dominion Government	26,445,922.54
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	7,870.79
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	11,505,855.84
Bills Payable	11,513,726.43
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	3,574,637.49
	5,326,228.99
	\$436,526,307.37
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:	
Capital Stock Paid up	20,400,000.00
Reserve Fund	20,400,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	1,007,514.19
	\$ 21,407,514.19
Dividends Unclaimed	8,644.75
Dividend No. 141 (at 12 per cent. per annum), payable December 1st, 1922	612,000.00
Bonus of 2% payable December 1st, 1922	408,000.00
	22,436,158.94
	\$479,362,366.31

ASSETS

Current Coin	\$ 16,052,573.12
Dominion Notes	26,832,040.25
United States Currency and other Foreign Currencies	20,951,306.74
	\$ 63,835,920.11
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	8,000,000.00
Notes of other Banks	2,718,277.85
Cheques on other Banks	26,573,842.84
Balance due by other Banks in Canada	2,432.37
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	27,893,715.57
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	22,950,224.85
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	7,901,927.97
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	13,462,068.56
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	14,735,290.32
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada	32,874,830.69
	\$216,045,331.93
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$151,260,687.95
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$1,232,041.58
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	444,747.44
	242,937,476.97
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	1,521,923.84
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	12,142,342.17
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	5,326,228.99
Deposit with the Minister for the purpose of the Circulation Fund	1,000,000.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	\$66,962.41
	\$479,362,366.31

H. S. HOLT,

President

EDSON L. PEASE,

Managing Director

C. E. NEILL,

General Manager

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We Report to the Shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada: That in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 80th November, 1922, as well as at another time, as required by Section 56 of the Bank Act and that we found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches.

That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

That we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us. S. ROGER MITCHELL, C.A., W. GARTH THOMSON, C.A., of Marwick, Mitchell and Co., JAMES G. ROSS, C.A., of P. S. Ross & Sons. Auditors.

Montreal, Canada, 19th December, 1922.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1921	\$ 905,044.98
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	3,959,469.21
	\$ 4,864,514.19

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

Dividends Nos. 138, 139, 140 and 141 at 12% per annum	\$ 2,448,000.00
Bonus of 2 per cent. to Shareholders	408,000.00
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000.00
Appropriation for Bank Premises	400,000.00
Reserve for Dominion Government Taxes including War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	500,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	1,007,514.19
	\$ 4,864,514.19

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Montreal, 19th December, 1922.

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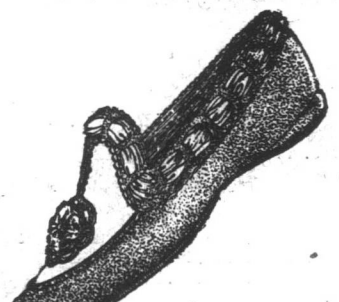
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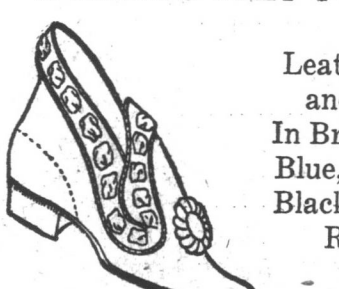
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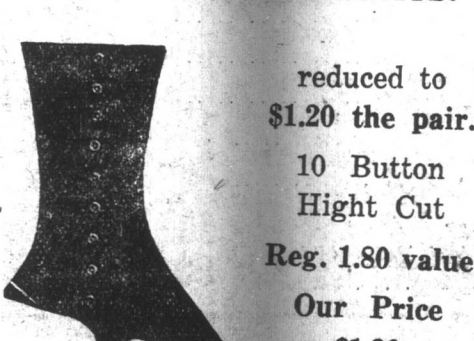


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Household Notes.

Do not allow bread sponge to set too long or it will sour and be unwholesome.

If no other baking is being done, bake the cake in the middle of the oven.

Leftover lamb may be minced with green pepper and served on toast with brown gravy.

If a soft filling is used for the cake, sprinkle the top with powdered sugar. Doughnuts for tea are delightfully different when flavored with melted chocolate and a pinch of mace. A good side dish to serve with pork chops is apples stewed with white onions.

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