

## FROM MILKMAID to QUEEN

The Romance of Montenegro's Royal House and of Other Royal Houses of Europe That Have Married Into It.

Amongst the crowned heads of Europe to-day there is no more interesting figure than Her Majesty of Montenegro, which has just declared war on Austria.

Fifty years ago, when little Milena Constantinovitch milked the cows upon her father's farm amidst the hills and valleys of the Black Mountain, how could she have dreamt of the day when she would wear a crown, and be the mother of children who would themselves wear kingly diadems? The marriage of Milena of Montenegro was no love affair. In accordance with the custom of the country, she was selected as the bride of young Nicholas Petrovitch because she was Montenegro's prettiest girl-child.

### Nominated Queen

When she was thirteen years old she was nominated as the future bride of the heir of Montenegro, and when she was fourteen she was carried to Cetinje, and there wedded to the eighteen-year-old boy who had been selected by his uncle, the then Prince Danilo, to succeed him on the throne of the mountain state.

It was to no gilded palace that little fourteen-year-old Milena Constantinovitch was taken to become the wife of the heir to Montenegro.

Montenegro was then a country where the blood-feud was rampant. Milena's husband was himself a doomed man, and rumor in the Balkans still has it that young Nicholas only preserved his own life and that of his pretty bride by himself dipping both hands into human blood. Young Milena Petrovitch did her share of the day's toil. Heroic stories are still told of the girl-princess of Montenegro, when her husband sallied forth soon after her marriage to the terrible war against the Turks of 1876. Whatever Milena Petrovitch may have done then, she eclipsed herself by her valorous succor of the wounded Montenegrins in the war of nearly fifty years later.

### Married Royally

Amidst constantly recurring wars and raids and feuds, Milena Petrovitch brought up her handsome family of boys and girls. The eldest girl was barely seventeen when a young Serbian Prince who had long been in exile, and had just come home from the war on the Franco-Prussian borders, came a-courting. Peter Karageorge was the young hero's name, and it seemed probable that his exile from Serbia would last a lifetime. There was trouble in Cetinje when Peter Karageorge popped the question

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time in her life, Milena Petrovitch put off her her dazzling Montenegrin national costume, and went forth to the Russian palace of Livadia, where the Tsar himself honored by his presence her daughter's wedding with the duke. Milena Petrovitch was to learn more of the Court of Europe ere long. Another of her daughters, the tallest and sprightliest of them all, found no other than the heir of Italy in love with her, and when she consented to become the wife of little King Victor Emmanuel III., her fond mother herself took Elena of Montenegro to the Quirinal of Rome.

### Turned Out Badly

Anastasia Petrovitch's marriage with the Duke of Leuchtenberg, however, had turned out badly. Anastasia, transported to a Russian Court, remained still a child of the "Black Mountain!" She had never loved her duke, and when young Grand Duke Nicholas, a cousin of the Tsar, proceeded to pour words of love into her ear, she made up for lost time. The Duke of Leuchtenberg required little parting from her and Anastasia Petrovitch's subsequent wedding with the Grand Duke finally brought true love into her heart, and all ended happily.

Such felicity as followed this love-match promptly brought another Russian Grand Duke a-looking for a spirited bride amongst Queen Milena's daughters. He was Grand Duke Nicholas' brother Peter, and he selected the Montenegrin Queen's daughter Miliza for a bride. Thus another royal match of the first order robbed Montenegro of one of its royal princesses, and ere long Prince Joseph of Battenberg (youngest of the famous Battenberg brothers brothers who have figured so conspicuously at the Court of England for the last twenty-five years) also came a-courting in Cetinje, and eventually stole away Queen Milena's daughter Anna.

### No Parallel

Thus, one by one, Queen Milena saw her daughters make a series of matches which has no parallel amongst the purely royal families of Europe, which is all the more remarkable, as the Petrovitches are not

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Of Queen Milena's domestic virtues every visitor to Cetinje has amply testified. Great as has been her rise in the world the one-time milkmaid of Montenegro, who is now Queen, remains the simple, kind-hearted woman she was in 1876 when King Nicholas dedicated to her his most popular drama, "The Maiden of the Balkans."



### Published By Authority

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the following Proclamation of His Majesty the King shall come into effect on the date hereof.

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary,  
Dept. Colonial Secretary,  
Aug. 6, 1914.

### BY THE KING A PROCLAMATION

Notifying that British Subjects contributing to a Loan raised on behalf

of the German Emperor, or contracting with the German Government, will be guilty of High Treason, as adhering to the King's Enemies. GEORGE R. I.

Whereas a state of war exists between Us and the German Emperor:

And whereas it constitutes adherence to Our enemies for any of Our subjects or persons resident or being in Our Dominions during the continuance of the state of war to contribute to or participate in or assist in the floating of any loan raised on behalf of the said Emperor, or to advance money to or enter into any contract or dealings whatsoever with the said Emperor or his Government (save upon Our command), or otherwise to aid, abet, or assist the said Emperor or his Government:

Now, therefore, We do hereby warn all our subjects and all persons resident or being in Our Dominions who may be found doing or attempting any of such treasonable acts as aforesaid that they will be liable to be apprehended and dealt with as traitors, and will be proceeded against with the utmost rigour of the law.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Fifth day of August, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen, and in the Fifth year of Our Reign.

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His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the following Proclamation of His Majesty the King, setting forth the Law and Policy with regard to Trading with the Enemy, shall come into effect on the date hereof.

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Whereas a state of war exists between Us and the German Emperor:

And whereas it is contrary to law for any person resident, carrying on business, or being in Our Dominions, to trade or have any commercial intercourse with any person resident, carrying on business, or being in the German Empire without Our permission:

And whereas it is therefore expedient and necessary to warn all persons resident, carrying on business, or being in Our Dominions of their duties and obligations towards Us, Our Crown, and Government:

Now, therefore, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby warn all persons resident, carrying on business, or being in Our Dominions:

Not to supply to or obtain from the said Empire any goods, wares or merchandise, or to supply to or obtain the same from any person resident, carrying on business, or being therein, nor to supply to or obtain from any person any goods, wares or merchandise for or by way of transmission to or from the said Empire or to or from any person resident, carrying on business, or being therein, nor to trade in or carry any goods, wares or merchandise destined for or coming from the said Empire or for or from any person resident, carrying on business, or being therein:

Not to permit any British ship to leave for, enter, or communicate with any port or place in the said Empire:

Nor to make or enter into any new marine life, fire, or other policy or contract of insurance with or for the benefit of any person resident, carrying on business, or being in the said Empire, nor under any existing policy or contract of insurance to make any payment to or for the benefit of any such person in respect of any loss due to the belligerent action of His Majesty's forces or of those of any ally of His Majesty:

Nor to enter into any new commercial, financial, or other contract or obligation with or for the benefit of any person resident, carrying on business, or being in the said Empire:

And We do hereby further warn all persons what whoever in contravention of the law shall commit, aid or abet any of the aforesaid acts will be liable to such penalties as the law provides:

And We hereby declare that any transactions to, with, or for the benefit of any person resident, carrying on business, or being in the said Empire, which are not treasonable and are not for the time being expressly prohibited by Us, either by virtue of this Proclamation or otherwise, and which but for the existence of the state of war aforesaid would be lawful, are hereby permitted:

And We hereby declare that the expression "person" in this Proclamation shall include any body of persons corporate or unincorporate, and where any person has or had an interest in houses or branches of business in some other country as well as in our Dominions, or in the said Empire (as the case may be), this Proclamation shall not apply to the trading or commercial intercourse carried on by such person solely from or by such houses or branches of business in such other country.

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