

FORMER EMPEROR NICHOLAS' MELANCHOLY LIFE

THE HAIR OF NICHOLAS ROMANOFF HAS TURNED AS WHITE AS SNOW

"My Life Has Always Been That of a Prisoner," He Says. "It is Not My Former Power I Regret, I Have Only One Wish and That is to Return to the Crimea"—How Former Empress and Her Daughters Pass Time in Exile.

Geneva, Switzerland, Mar. 1.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Nicholas Romanoff who, as Emperor of Russia, once exercised sway over the fate of millions of Russians, leads a melancholy life at Tobolsk, the Siberian "city of death" to which he and his family are exiled, according to one of the Red Guard sentinels stationed at his home there.

"My life has always been that of a prisoner," the former Emperor is quoted as saying. "It is not my former power that I regret. I have only one wish and that is to return to the Crimea and devote myself to horticulture."

Writing to a friend in this city, the Russian Red Guard said:

"The attitude of the Emperor when he is alone is full of calm and simple dignity but as soon as he thinks that he is no longer observed he gives way and walks with bent head. His hair has become as white as snow and his face is filled with a painful melancholy. He is often seen at the window following his children with his eyes when they go out for a walk and furtively wipes away a tear."

"If the Emperor shows resignation, it does not find an echo in his wife, Alexandra Alix. Everything in her present situation seems calculated to wound her and make her miserable. She was only allowed to take with her fifteen boxes of clothing. At first sight this may seem quite a considerable amount, but it must not be forgotten, that the whole wardrobe of five women and an Emperor is contained therein. Therefore it is comprehensible that it would not suffice for an exile of long duration. To this must be added the impossibility of procuring any kind of clothing in Tobolsk. The Princesses possess in all only four costumes, and are obliged to be contented with those. As regards their jewelry, they were forced to leave it all in Petrograd."

Former Empress Uneasy.

"The former Empress occupies herself greatly with her children, but instead of encouraging them to be resigned, she strives the whole time to keep up in their memory the remembrance of the past. It is the impossibility of corresponding which revolts her the most. The few letters she receives are carefully censored and handed by the officers of the "body guard." Her confidential friend is Madame Marichkina, a former lady-in-waiting now living in Tobolsk, from whom the former Empress has no secrets."

"The Princesses can move freely about the town, without any special superintendence, but naturally, not without being followed step by step by the secret police, who, however, perform their duty as discreetly as possible."

"On the contrary, the heir-apparent is closely guarded, as the revolutionists fear an abduction. He is escorted everywhere by the sailor Deremenko, a man of herculean stature, who once saved the Prince's life at a hunt. He has not the right to go into town without being accompanied by a certain number of officers. The Prince is in good health, but a slight limp betrays the stiffness of the right foot, which is incurable."

Life of Princesses.

"There is little to say about the life of the Princesses. The Grand Duchess Olga, who is of a very serious nature, perhaps even gloomy, has become a nurse in a military hospital for convalescent Siberians, to whom she devotes six hours a day. The Grand Duchess Marie is learning shorthand and type-writing in order to help her father in the editing of his memoirs. But up to the present the Emperor has neither written nor dictated anything."

"The ground floor of the residence of the former imperial family is occupied by a company of soldiers, frontally termed 'the Emperor's body guard.' The remaining two stories form the apartment of the dethroned monarch—Colonel Romanoff. It consists of four large and four small rooms, which are furnished in the simplest manner. There is no water laid on, no gas, no electricity and no bath room. The servants are obliged to draw the necessary water from a well close by. The rooms are heated by means of primitive brick stoves. The largest room is only five yards in length and three in breadth. Where are the spacious reception rooms of Peterhof and the Winter Palace, with their surcharged magnificence?"

Leave Home Seldom.

"There is no pleasing view in any direction from any of the windows. Nicholas and his wife are condemned on principle, to a life of seclusion; they are only allowed to leave the house in order to attend mass, at a neighboring convent. The 'masters of the hour' in Petrograd even consider the authorization to frequent the public baths once a week as quite an exceptional favor. On these occasions they are invariably escorted by four officers and a squadron of soldiers. It is these same officers who take upon themselves the purchasing of all small household necessities, not wishing to entrust this duty to the imperial fam-

20 PERSONS LOSE LIVES IN A FIRE

A. A. Sutherland's Lumber Camp, Four Miles from Riverview, N. S., and Fifteen Miles from Truro, Burned to the Ground.

Truro, N. S., Mar. 16.—One of the worst accidents in the history of lumbering in Nova Scotia took place early today at Alvin siding on the Canadian Government Railway, four miles from Riverview and about fifteen miles from Truro, when the lumber camp of

A. A. Sutherland was burned to the ground and twenty people were burned to death. Of those in the camp, only four escaped, and two of these are in a very serious condition.

The camp was owned and operated by A. A. Sutherland of Oxford and his son, Max Sutherland, both of whom escaped practically uninjured. The names of the other two men who got out alive are not ascertainable. They were in a bad condition and were forwarded immediately to Aberdeen hospital, New Glasgow.

Mr. Sutherland and son were aroused at 12.30 when the camp was in a mass of flames. They were sleeping in a separate apartment, upstairs, from the men and this accounts for their escape. The sleeping apartments of the men had evidently caught and burned quickly before any one became aware of the flames. Dr. W. R. Dunbar, corner of Truro, left on the morning train and held an inquest this afternoon. J. C. B. Olive, undertaker of Truro, left on the same train taking twenty caskets to take care of the dead.

The dead are: Alfred Guthrie, wife and six children; Benjamin Matheson, neyash; Robert McLeod, West River; Clarence Gratto and Edgar Taggart, Port Elgin; George Low, Sheet Harbor Road; William Wilson (colored), Halifax; Lester Moore, Halifax; Ervin Bentley, Kemptown.

OBITUARY

John T. Ross, K. C.

John T. Ross, K. C., who was for many years a partner of Hon. B. L. Borden in the practice of law at Halifax, and who was a leading member of the legal profession in Nova Scotia, died at 1.30 o'clock Saturday morning, at the apartments of his brother, Rev. James Ross, Waterloo street. The late Mr. Ross, who retired last May from active life on account of illness, and who has since made his home with his brother here, contracted pneumonia, and this caused his death. He was in his 67th year, was born at Colchester County, N. S., and was a son of the late William and Margaret Ross. Besides his brother, Rev. James Ross,

he leaves three brothers and one sister: Senator W. B. Ross, Halifax; H. N. Ross, Vancouver; Wallington and Janet Ross, who reside at the Ross, homestead, Colchester Co. The deceased was a graduate of Dalhousie University; a member of the Halifax Club, and was a Presbyterian. The remains will be placed in a vault at Fernhill tomorrow.

Miss Emma McIntyre.

The death took place yesterday at the home of Mrs. Adams and the late John McIntyre. Arrangements for the funeral were not completed last evening. The deceased leaves besides her mother two sisters, Mrs. L. T. Dryden, of Waterloo street and Miss Mary McIntyre; also five brothers, viz., James, Joseph, Harry and Wil-

liam, of this city, and John with the 6th Battery in France. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mrs. Dryden on Waterloo street.

Bessie Bowman.

The death took place on Saturday of Bessie Bowman, daughter of the late John and Francis Bowman. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the residence of Alfred Rowley, 184 Princess street.

INCREASE IN RATES.

New passenger and freight tariffs on the railways in Canada have gone into effect, which means a fifteen per cent. increase. This increase will be felt by the suburbanites. For those living in Hampton it will mean an increase of about twelve dollars a year.



The Dominion Income War Tax Its Meaning and Application

THE Dominion Income War Tax Act, passed at the last session of Parliament is now in force and all those liable to taxation under the provisions of the Act must file the required returns for the year 1917, on or before 31st March, 1918.

The Act provides that there shall be assessed, levied, and paid upon the 1917 income of every person residing or ordinarily resident in Canada, a tax upon income exceeding \$1500 in the case of unmarried persons and widows or widowers without dependent children, and upon income exceeding \$3000 in the case of all other persons.

Corporations and joint stock companies carrying on business in Canada, no matter how created or organized, shall pay the normal tax upon income over \$3000. The fiscal year of corporations and joint stock companies may be adopted if desired.

Your Immediate Obligation.—You are now required by law to fill out in triplicate, one or more of the five special forms enumerated below. Read the particulars about the forms provided, then note the form or forms that fit your case. Don't forget to make three copies. You keep one copy, and in the case of Forms T1 and T2, deliver two to the Inspector of Taxation for your district. In the case of Forms T3, T4 and T5, two copies must be filed with the Commissioner of Taxation at Ottawa.

Penalties.—Default in filing returns renders the person or persons liable on summary conviction to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each day during which the default continues. Any person making a false statement in any return or in any information required by the Minister of Finance shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to six months imprisonment, or to both fine and imprisonment.

FORMS TO BE FILLED IN AND FILED

Individuals.—Form T1 is for all individuals having the requisite income. Fill in pages 1, 2 and 3, make no marks on page 4.

In giving particulars of dividends received, state amount received from each company, listing Canadian and Foreign Companies separately.

Partnerships as such need not file returns, but the individuals forming the partnerships must.

Corporations and Joint Stock Companies must fill in Form T2, showing total income. Amount paid during the year to Patriotic and Canadian Red Cross Funds, and other approved war funds, should be shown under Exemptions and Deductions. A financial statement should also be attached. In giving particulars of dividends received, state amount received from each company, listing Canadian and Foreign Companies separately.

Trustees, Executors, Administrators of Estates and Assignees use Form T3, to state particulars of the distribution of income from estates they are handling. A separate form is required for each estate and total incomes must be given as well as distribution thereof.

Employers. On Form T4 employers shall make a list of the names of employees and amounts paid to each in salaries, bonuses, commission, or other remuneration wherever the combined sum of such remuneration for the calendar year 1917 amounted to \$1000 or more. This applies to all classes, regardless of number of such employees.

Corporations Listing Shareholders.—Corporations and Joint Stock Companies shall list on Form T5 Shareholders residing in Canada to whom Dividends were paid during the calendar year 1917, stating the amounts of dividends and bonuses paid to each.

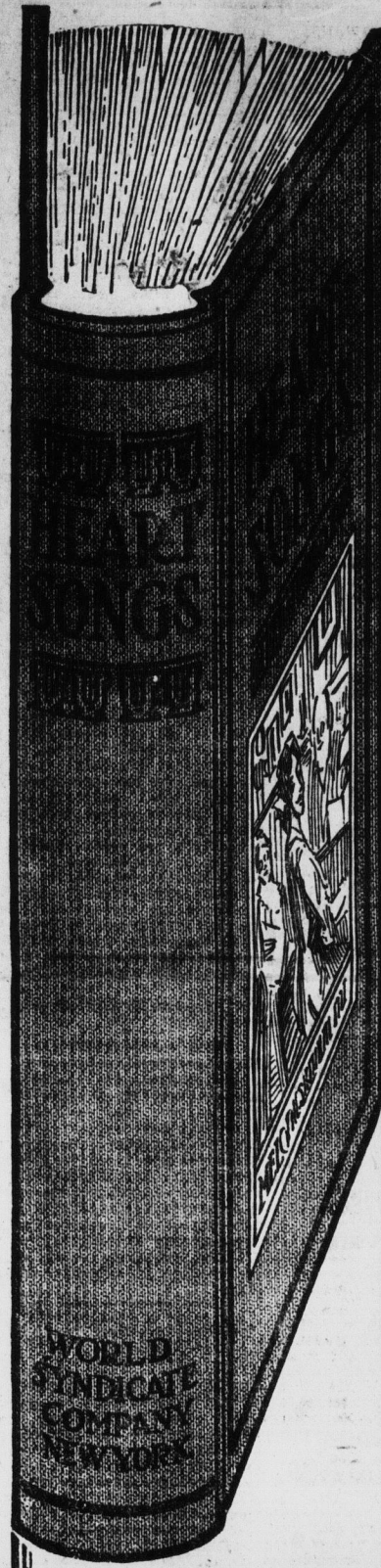
Don't wait till the last minute. Get the necessary forms now, and make your information accurate and complete.

Forms may be obtained from the District Inspectors of Taxation and from the Postmasters at all leading centres.

Postage must be paid on all letters and documents forwarded by mail to Inspector of Taxation.

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Arthur W. Sharp, 57 Princess Street, St. John, N. B., Inspector of Taxation for Province of New Brunswick.



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