

WONDERFULLY MAGNETIC WOMAN DOOMED TO DEATH

Romantic Story Of a Dutch Dancer—Fled From Buddhist Temple to Marry English Officer, Then to Paris Where She Faces Death—Was Not Beautiful But Exercised Marvellous Power Over Men

A rejected sweetheart to whom she had brought disgrace and ruin was responsible for the arrest and conviction of Mlle. Mata Hari, the woman who has just been found guilty of being a German spy and sentenced to death by a French court-martial, according to a prominent musician and composer, who is now in New York city and who knows Mlle. Mata Hari. He declares that "if the cunning of one of the most magnetic and charming adventuresses in the world is of avail, the Dutch dancer who is now in a French military prison awaiting death will escape the firing squad."

This musician, who for obvious reasons, would not permit his name to be used in an article concerning Mlle. Mata Hari, said that four years ago he was asked by her to write the music for dances which she was to give at Monte Carlo. Owing to an affair between her and a high official of the German Government, the musician called only once at her house at Neuilly-sur-Seine, just outside Paris.

"This German was extremely jealous of her, and I feared if he saw her dancing her Oriental dances for me alone there would at least have been a scandal and probably a duel," he said.

Always Captivated Men

This man said for years, Mlle. Mata Hari has captivated men in high places. He repeated chapters of her adventurous life from the time she was an infant in Java, the daughter of a wealthy Dutch planter, through the Dutch East Indies and into India, whither her mother fled with her; how she became a religious dancer in a Buddhist temple in Burma and how, ultimately, she tired of the celibacy vows of the Buddhist and ran away with an English baronet. He told of the tragic death of her son, born of this union, and how she took the law into her own hands and avenged him; of her flight from her husband and India and his disgrace and death, and how she at last reached Paris, reduced from a state of Oriental wealth and luxury to one of penury.

"Then she set about to captivate Paris," he said. "She did it, and not satisfied with her conquest, she went to Berlin, to Petrograd, to Vienna—she travelled all over Europe—and became one of the most talked of women on the Continent."

Not Beautiful But Magnetic
"Her name is Marguerite Zelle Mata Hari," he said. "She is not less than thirty-eight years old or more than forty-two. No one knows her age. She is not beautiful, but she is most notable for its elegance and grace. Her teeth are pearls. Her black hair reaches to the ground. She is about six feet tall and sculptors have said, 'is probably the most perfectly formed woman of her height in the world. Her eyes are big, luminous and as black as night. Her skin is of that soft light olive color. She carries herself as a queen of olden times and her toilette is most notable for its elegance and taste."

Her father was a subject of the Netherlands and her mother was a Japanese. He died when she was an infant, and in order to protect her from the dangers which beset a young girl of mixed blood in the East, her mother fled from Java and entered Burma. There to further protect her, she pledged her to celibacy and placed her in a Buddhist temple to learn dancing. Then it appeared that her destiny would be not unlike that of thousands of other young girls in that country, and similar in many respects to that of the old vestals of ancient Greece. In Burma these dancers are called Bayaderes.

Fell in Love With Englishman

"She told me that when she was twelve years old she was disgusted with life and was determined to change it or end it. After a dance at a grand Buddhist festival in Burma, old, she saw a British officer, and fell in love with him. It was her case of love affair. She managed to escape from the temple and joined him. This man was a baronet and loved her. Finally they married. Two children, a boy and a girl, were born of their union.

"I do not believe that she ever loved any man. It is certain that she did not love her husband. At any event the monotonous life of a British officer's wife was more than she could stand. The climax came when a maid whom she had beaten and discharged, caused one of her gardeners to poison her infant son. "The tragic sequence and scandal which followed the death of her son still is remembered by old-timers in

CROP AND BUSINESS OUTLOOK IN U. S.



Now that he is at war, Uncle Sam is concerned a bit about his crops. This map, prepared by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, shows general conditions of crops as they exist, without regard to future changes or likelihoods.

India. She started an investigation of the killing independently of the British authorities, and finally in her own mind fixed the guilt on one of her gardeners. She took a revolver and, walking into the garden where the man was working, she shot him dead.

"She was arrested, but owing to the high position occupied by the German official at Neuilly-sur-Seine, everything possible was done to suppress the news and to hush the scandal. Finally she was told that she would have to leave the country if she was not willing to do so. She left her home in Paris, where she learned that she was penniless, the small fortune which her father had left her having, under the Dutch law, passed to her child.

"Paris captivated her. She quickly became a part of the great night life of that city. She met many men. One of them was a wealthy German, who was a high official of the Berlin government. He bought a home for her at Neuilly-sur-Seine and furnished it in a style that was representative of what was most truly Oriental splendor. There the two of them lived. It was there that I first saw her."

"Soon she tired of this German. He was extremely jealous of her. Always her art—her dancing—called to her. He would not let her dance. There were many scenes at home. Her life was not happy, despite the wealth at her disposal.

Caused Banker's Ruin

"Then she met a one-time Minister of Finance of France, and through him, his brother-in-law. He fell in love with her and she with him. "This man was at that time the managing director of a great Paris bank. He deserted his wife and bought a magnificent chateau in

Touraine. For two years they lived there. Then one day the police entered the bank and arrested its managing director. He was charged with embezzling the funds of the institution. He was tried and convicted and sentenced to two years at hard labor.

"The woman then went back to the German official at Neuilly-sur-Seine.

"When I saw in the paper the article that Mlle. Mata Hari had been sentenced to death as a German spy, the inside history of her adventurous life at once unfolded before me. I believe that when the whole truth is known it will be found that the ruined banker was the man who denounced her. During their life together he assuredly learned many things concerning her connections with the Germans and with the German government. He learned that while he was in prison and subsequent to the beginning of the war she had been living in great wealth in Paris and travelling throughout all Europe. She was a woman eminently qualified to act as a secret agent for Germany. As a Dutch subject she was at liberty to travel anywhere, and it is quite certain that she had the facilities for obtaining information which would have been impossible for Germany to obtain elsewhere.

Doubts if She Will Be Executed
"It was a life which would appeal to her—that of a spy. Her greatest delight was in exercising her influence to control persons with whom she came in contact, and her influence was miraculous. Her constant companion was a German woman, her maid, whom she always called Anna. I am inclined to believe that part Anna has played in the tragedy."

"Discussing the probable fate of Mlle. Mata Hari, he declared that he was of the opinion that she will not be put to death.

"The sinister character in Dunlap's great romance was not more cunning or adventurous nor played for bigger stakes than did Mlle. Mata Hari," he said. "In many respects their histories should be printed in parallel columns. But I believe that the great influence over the destiny of those with whom she came in contact, Mlle. Mata Hari was more dreadful than 'Mildred'."

"Not until I know that she is buried, that she has failed to corrupt her jailors and even the men detailed for duty in the firing squad, will I believe that she has played her last card.

MT. ZION

(From our own Correspondent)
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Howey and little daughter, Zelma, are spending their holidays at Mr. Wm. Coakley's. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holdre and Mr. and Mrs. Newland of Brantford spent Sunday evening at Mr. John Read's.

Miss Hazel Clement, has been spending a couple of weeks at Mr. Amos Hanson's.

Miss Gerlie Gies spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Chas. Radford. Mr. and Mrs. N. Force of Woodbury, Mrs. M. Burris and Byron spent Sunday at Mr. Charles Read's. Friends and relations from Brantford spent Sunday at Mr. Almer Seccord's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Radford spent Sunday last at Paris Plains.

Mr. Frank Giles and Mr. Frank Dawes have new cars.

Mrs. George Hanson and Wilmer spent Saturday at Mr. Amos Hanson's.

Mrs. Bonney of New Durham spent Sunday afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Read.

RANELAGH
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carter of Newton, Kan., visited his sister Mrs. E. Hoggard recently. It being eight years since she had seen him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wylie, Miss Rae and Mr. Fred Hoggard motored to Brantford on Sunday Aug. the 5th.

Mrs. George D. Wood, Brantford, Mrs. Wm. Young and Miss Sarah Young of Northfield and Miss Leone and Dorothy Young of Winnipeg took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wood on Tuesday.

Master Clifford Barnes of St. Thomas spent his holidays with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Saywell. Miss Florence Squance returned home on Saturday after spending a

IF GERMANY SHOULD WIN

In a recent address in St. Louis, Secretary McAdoo, of the United States Treasury, said: "German submarines have crossed the ocean. Only last summer one of them visited the harbor of Newport, Rhode Island, and sank merchantmen off the New England coast. The flying machine has not yet crossed the Atlantic, because military necessity has not required it. But if Germany succeeds in crushing the Allies in Europe you will see flying machines cross the Atlantic. The wireless telegraph has increased the flexibility and formidableness of ocean warfare and, of itself, an additional peril to unarmed nations.

"We have always been an unarmed nation because we felt that we were secure. Our love of democracy has made us great that we did not want to take even a chance of militarism. We can no longer delude ourselves. Do you know what would happen if Germany should be victorious as she would be if she could bring France and England to their knees? She would take the entire British and French fleets, release her own great fleet, which has been tied up in the Baltic during the war, and combining these with the most destructive submarine fleet on earth—because she has it—she would come here and put the iron heel of conqueror upon your shores. We should have to fall back to the interior, and there is no telling how long it would take to expel the enemy, if we ever did. "If I couldn't do it promptly, do you know what would happen to America? We should have to make the most humiliating terms that any great nation ever made to get peace. We should have to pay an indemnity that would represent half the wealth of America, which is \$250,000,000,000 and you would have taxation upon your shoulders to meet that indemnity for a century to come.

"I am not trying to alarm you. It is not my purpose to exaggerate. It would not misrepresent. I only want already realize, that you are in the midst of one of the greatest wars of all time. Because you are not actually contiguous to it in a physical sense as the nations of Europe are, do not think that your future security and safety are not immediately involved. This is something you must realize if you would know what to do in the present situation."

few days with her sister in Brantford.

Mrs. D. Mason and son, and daughter, made you recent visitors of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoggard.

Mr. Fred Hoggard of Kelvin was the guest of Mr. Thos. Wood on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoggard took dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Saywell.

SIX MORE SAVED

By Courier Special Wire.
New York, Aug. 15.—Six more persons were saved, in addition to those already reported when the City of Athens struck a mine August 10, near Cape Town, South Africa, according to a cable dispatch received today at the missionary training home, Brooklyn. They were missionaries to Africa under the auspices of an un denominational body known as "Plymouth Brethren." Their names are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Hornsby and baby, New Bedford, Mass.; Miss Hartley, Hamilton, Ont.; Jennie Watson, Tamely, N. J.; and Douglas Hume, Ottawa, Ont.

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Canada can send well trained men to France to the aid of our gallant victors of Vimy Ridge, if the Militia regiments are brought up to strength and ready to defend the Dominion in case of emergency.
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Sir Robert Borden says: "Now is the most critical period of the war". What more patriotic duty can a man do—who through force of circumstances could not enlist for Overseas Service—than join the
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Nothing makes me more impatient than to hear middleclass (I to incomes) people complaining heads off about the high cost of living.
The cost of living has become most as much a commonplace as weather nowadays. Wherever you meet it comes to the surface as usually as "Well, is this hot for you?" or "Isn't this a fine day?"
Of course it is exasperating, put it mildly, to see the purchasing power of one's dollars steadily eroded. It is very trying to have get along with last year's money instead of buying a new one. (I have to stay in a big comfort airy suburban house with every venience instead of going away to the shore.)
How Can They Be So Smug
But what gets me is the smug these people are aroused to no feel but pity for themselves by these conditions. How can they be so indifferent to the fact that what them means fewer luxuries, m underfeeding if not actual starvation to many?
How can they forget what it mean to the man bringing up a tily on fifteen or twenty dollars week (to say nothing of those receive less)? He just got by buying only the cheapest cuts living in a tenement. But what Heaven's name is he going to
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Question Discussed in an Type Perhaps Handsom Why There
(John Galsworthy in The Observer
"The English are an ugly people," said that to a learned and aesthetic friend when I came back from France this spring. He started then remarked: "Oh, well; not ugly as the French, anyway."
"A great error; much more ugly you take the bulk, and not the p of the population in both countries writes Mr. Galsworthy in The Observer. It may not be fair to tribute French superiority in lo entirely to the facts that they g nearly all their own food (and 3 it well) and had in 1906 four-sev this of their population in the co try, an against our own two-mi in 1911, because there is the con crable matter of climate.
Comeliness in the Country.
But when you get so high a portion of comeliness in remote c try districts in England, it is fa assume that climate does not count for anything like all the ference. I do not believe that English are naturally an ugly peo The best English type is perhaps handsomest in the world. The ph are and looks of the richer cla are as notoriously better than th of the poorer classes as the ph are and looks of the remote cou are superior to those of crow towns. Where conditions are from cramp, poor air, poor food, herd-life, England physique g holds it's own with that of othe tions.
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