

BOOK PICTURES LAST HOURS OF CZAR'S FAMILY

Pamphlet Censored by Soviet
Authorities Describes Exe-
cution of Romanoffs.

BODIES BURNED IN WOODS

No Admission Made That
Slaying Took Place Under
Moscow Orders.

YKATERINBURG, Russia, Feb. 19.—Associated Press.—A Bolshevik ac-
count of the execution of the late Em-
peror Nicholas and his family, which
took place here on the night of July
16, 1918, has been made public in a
pamphlet written by P. Bykoff, for-
mer chairman of the Ekaterinburg
soviet.

It was inspired by the communist
opinion that the story of the execu-
tion should be told from the Bol-
shevist side. But apparently it did
not meet with the approval of the
higher officials, for although it was
published in the closing days of 1921,
it was immediately withdrawn from
circulation. The book was printed
by the state printing department of
the Ural district government in this
city, and gives a general review of
the labor revolution in the Urals.
The last chapter in it records the
emperor's death, and is entitled "The
Last Days of the Czar."

Carefully censored.
The book was obviously censored
carefully before it was published, as
it lacks many details of the execu-
tion which ordinarily would have been
given by eyewitnesses. It attempts
to justify the execution by explain-
ing that the Orenburg Cossacks
were then threatening Ekaterinburg
from the south; the Czech-Slovak
forces were pressing in from the
east, and letters had been received
showing that plots were being for-
med to deliver the imperial family to
the counter-revolutionists. Two ex-
tracts from the letters are quoted as
evidence of the existence of these
plots.

According to Bykoff's account, the
last words of the emperor when he
and his family were led into the
basement of their prison and told
that all the Romanoffs must die,
were: "But are we not to be taken
anywhere?"

The empress and her four daugh-
ters (the grand duchesses Olga, Tati-
ana, Anastasia and Marie) and the
little czarevitch and the remaining
members of the household of eleven
were so stunned that they said nothing
when Avdieff, the commandant of the
house, ordered them to line up
against the basement wall and pro-
nounced the sentence.

Shot With Revolvers.
Bykoff says that a firing squad of
four shot the former imperial family
with revolvers. The identity of the

ITCHING ECZEMA DRIED RIGHT UP WITH SULPHUR

Any breaking out of the skin, even
flery, itching eczema, can be quickly
overcome by applying a little Men-
tho-Sulphur, says a noted skin spe-
cialist. Because of its germ destroy-
ing properties, this sulphur prepara-
tion instantly brings ease from skin
irritation, soothes and heals the
eczema right up and leaves the skin
clear and smooth.

It seldom fails to relieve the tor-
ment and disfigurement. Sufferers
from skin trouble should get a little
jar of Mentho-Sulphur from any
good druggist and use it like a cold
cream.—Adv.

GIRLS! LEMONS WHITEN HANDS

Press the juice of two lemons into
a bottle containing three ounces of
Orchard White, which any drug store
will supply for a few cents, shake
well, and you have a quarter-pint
of harmless and delightful lemon-
bleach lotion to soften and whiten
red, rough or chapped hands. This
home-made lemon lotion is far su-
perior to glycerine and rose water to
smoothen the skin. Famous stage
beauties use it to bleach and bring
out soft, clear, rosy-white com-
plexion, because it doesn't irritate.—
Adv.

OLD RECIPE TO DARKEN HAIR

and Sulphur Turns
Hair Dark
Glossy.

Knows that Saxe
compounded,
color and lustre
only way to get
make it at home.
troublesome.
any drug
Saxe and Sulphur
will get a large
recipe improved
everybody uses this
because no one can
that you darkened your
it so naturally, and
sampen a sponge or soft
and draw this through
one small strand at a
time the grey hair disap-
pears and another applica-
tion becomes beautifully dark,
and you look years

Nobody Dies in Hepworth in Year, and Only One Couple Marries.

HEPWORTH, Feb. 19.—Ac-
cording to a report issued
from the office of the clerk of
the village of Hepworth, this
place has established a health
record, for not a single death
occurred here during the year
1921. This is something that
not many towns of this size in
the Dominion can boast of.
During the same period, how-
ever, Dan Cupid did not lag
far behind the grim reaper in
the matter of inactivity, for he
is only credited with bringing
one couple into the matri-
monial state in the course of
the year. The work displayed
the most activity, and increas-
ed the population of the village
considerably by his visits dur-
ing the year.

members of the execution squad is
not revealed.

The pamphlet places the responsi-
bility for the execution of the Ro-
manoffs directly upon the Ural dis-
trict soviets which decided early in
July, 1918, that the czar and his fam-
ily must die and entrusted the execu-
tion of the sentence and the destroy-
ing of the bodies to Peter Ermankoff,
an old workman of the Upper
Issetsky Works.

Avdieff, commandant of the house,
read the sentence, according to By-
koff's story, and there were only four
witnesses. But it is not indicated
whether Avdieff shot or even wit-
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the execution under direct orders
from Moscow.

The Romanoffs were in their or-
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not their custom to retire until long
after 10 o'clock at night. Conse-
quently all were still dressed when
the ill-fated group of eleven was un-
expectedly ordered to the basement
and shot.

Bykoff's story says the guards out-
side the house and the public were
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Burned in Woods.
At 1 o'clock the next morning the
eleven bodies were secretly removed
from the house and taken to neigh-
boring woods. There the clothing was
removed. The bodies were burned
first and then the clothing. Bykoff
says the jewels and fragments of jew-
elry which Admiral Kolchak's officers
later claimed to have found in the
ashes were probably concealed in the
clothing and overlooked by the men
who disposed of the bodies.

In addition to the czar and czar-
iana Alexandra and their four daugh-
ters and one son, the persons who met
death in the basement were Prince
Dolgoroukoff, Dr. Bodkin, who was
physician to the Romanoffs, a lady-
in-waiting and a man who was nurse
to the czarevitch. The names of the
last two are not given in Bykoff's
pamphlet.

\$500,000 DIFFERENCE DELAYS D. U. R. SALE

Detroit Street Railway Commission
Offers \$19,500,000 For Lines
and Equipment.

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—A difference of
half a million dollars in the price the
street railway commission was will-
ing to pay and that asked by the
stockholders yesterday delayed the
conclusion of the negotiations for the
purchase by the city of the system of
the Detroit United Railway.

The stockholders fixed a selling
price of \$20,000,000 for the lines and
equipment, exclusive of the Highland
Park terminal, while the commission
offered \$19,500,000.

The day's conference closed with a
plea by A. Avila Gingras of Mont-
real, representing a majority of the
stockholders, that the commission
reconsider its bid. The commission
is to meet on Monday for a final de-
cision.

CHANGE VENUE OF MURDER HEARING

KINGSTON, Feb. 19.—It was of-
ficially announced yesterday that
Fred Bryant, who with the Upton
brothers, is charged with the murder
of Constable Beard of Napanee, will
be tried here instead of in Napanee.

Mr. Justice Rose having trans-
ferred the place of trial for the Up-
tons from Napanee to Kingston, it
was realized that it would be im-
possible to try Bryant at Napanee at
the same time, and the crown is
arranging to have him tried here. An
order will be asked from Mr. Justice
Logie, who is to preside at Napanee,
to have the Bryant case transferred
to Kingston. This is done so as to
complete formalities in the case.

LOOT CHURCH OF FOOD AND DISHES

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 19.—The
church at Hickson was broken into
and the church dishes, eatables and
other loot taken. Saturday, three
residents of the village, Mrs. Annie
Harlow, Miss Mable Heather and
Leonard Heather, appeared in court,
and after pleading guilty to the
offense, were let off on suspended
sentence, after promising to make
restitution.

"SPOTTERS" ARE GIVEN LIBERTY

Provincial Officers Charged
With Perjury Receive Bene-
fit of Doubt.

HAD STANDER CONVICTED

Alex. Szpak and Edward
Chopin Declared Interpreter
Sold Them Alcohol.

Special to London Advertiser.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 19.—Magistrate
Blake of Galt handed out his judg-
ment in the case of Alex Szpak and
Edward Chopin, two provincial offi-
cers, who, it was alleged, had per-
jured themselves to get a conviction
of Louis Stander on a breach of the
O. T. A. Magistrate Blake dismissed
the case.

The magistrate made no comment
on the case, remarking only that there
was a doubt in his mind that the
defendants had sworn falsely, as had
been charged. He said he was going
to give them the benefit of the doubt.
As "spotters" for the Ontario Li-
cense Department, Chopin and Szpak
were the two witnesses against Louis
Stander, coal merchant, when the
latter was charged with selling
liquor. They swore that Stander
sold them a quantity of alcohol, and
on this testimony Magistrate J. C.
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EXPECT MAYOR TO TESTIFY.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 19.—It is ex-
pected that when the police probe
opens before Commissioner Gregory
Monday morning that His Worship
Mayor George Wedlake will be one of
the first witnesses to be called, ac-
cording to a statement made at the
close of the proceedings yesterday
afternoon.

MENINGITIS AFFECTS HORSES.

INGERSOLL, Feb. 19.—Spinal
meningitis among horses has been
reported in some sections of North
Dorchester Township. The outbreak
is said to be due to farmers feeding
ensilage. A year ago there was a
similar outbreak when the results
were somewhat serious.

Freed From Chatham Jail When They Pay Fines With Bogus Checks.

CHATHAM, Feb. 19.—Bruce
and Arthur Eves of Chat-
ham Township, confined in the
county jail for breaking the
Ontario temperance act, se-
cured their release from that
institution this morning by the
presentation of a false check
for the amount of their fines.
It appears that a man
named Brown went over to the
county jail and handed over a
check for the correct amount of
the fines and costs to Governor
Davidson, who thereupon re-
leased the above prisoners.
Upon the presentation of the
check at a local bank it was
returned marked "No funds."

DALAI LAMA IS HARD WORKER

Ruler of Tibet Labors Harder
Than Average Businessman.

LONDON, England, Feb. 19.—The
Dalai Lama of Tibet, the religious and
secular head of that secluded country,
has to work harder than the average
British or American businessman. He
gets up at 4 o'clock in the morning and
labors until midnight, notwithstanding
the fact that he is unquestionably the
"big boss."

Sir Charles Bell, a British political
officer in India, who has just returned
after a year's residence in the romantic
"forbidden city" of Lhasa, the Tibetan
capital, says the Dalai Lama is a "won-
derful personality." Sir Charles is
one of the few Europeans who have
mastered the Tibetan language, and this
helped him to become friendly with the
head of all Tibet.

"He paid me the honor of inviting me
into the forbidden inclosure of his coun-
try palace," said Sir Charles.

Wonderland of Flowers.
This was a little wonderland of
flowers, birds and wild animals—a hid-
den retreat where he gives deep thought
both to his religious and state affairs.
Hundreds of canaries were singing here,
and there were also stags, pheasants
and a great tiger from Bengal.

The climate was intensely cold when
Sir Charles arrived, and for days the
temperature indoors never rose above
freezing point. In the place of window
glass, Tibetans used a sort of waxed
cloth. It lets the wind in, but they are
a hardy race, and do not appear to
feel the discomfort of the cold.

"Mutton, yak beef and pork are the
staple diet," Sir Charles went on.
"Tibetans do not like either chickens or
eggs. They do not sleep on beds, but
on the floor, on which are placed large,
downy cushions. You lie on top of these
and fold them over you. They are very
comfortable and warm."

Official Date for Winter.
There is an official date for winter
to begin and end, and the fur hat and
other warm garments ordered for offi-
cials are invariably worn without re-
gard to weather conditions between
those dates. However comfortable the
official may be with the fur hat before
April 25, or without it after that date,
he would never dream of departing from
the sartorial convention in public for
five minutes. The etiquette of the
people is very elaborate and strict.

"There are, practically speaking, no
police, no firemen, and no wheeled traffic
in Lhasa. If a man suffers from tooth-
ache, he goes with a few friends on to
the flat roof of his house. His friends
bring a big stone, around which they
fasten a string. The string is then tied
to the bad tooth, and the stone dropped
over the roof top. Two or three friends
hold on to the patient to prevent him
from going over too."

FORM NEW MINISTRY.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Rome cor-
respondent of the London Times
sends the report that ex-Premier
Giolitti has been charged by the
king to form a new ministry.

HOSPITAL BUDGET FOR YEAR REDUCED

Brantford Board Hopes To Cut
Costs Ten Per Cent.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 19.—The board
of governors of the hospital has for-
warded its budget to City Clerk
Leonard. The board states that it
will be able to manage this year on an
amount 10 per cent less than last
year. The amount that they have
asked for is \$31,500. The informa-
tion was embodied in the following
letter: "I wish to point out that the
board of governors has made a re-
duction in its demands of 10 per cent
from last year, in consequence of the

unexpected government grant and
the hope that the expenditure for
supplies, etc., will cost less than dur-
ing 1921; also that owing to the
present economic conditions it is im-
possible to say that the revenue from
paying patients will be maintained
at the same amount as in 1921, and
should it prove that the moneys re-
ceived from this source are much
less than for 1921, the board will be
required to ask the council for an
additional sum, but in the hope that
it will not be necessary."
(Signed) "E. PATTISON, Sec."

PICK TELEPHONE DIRECTORS.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 19.—At the an-
nual meeting of Brussels, Morris and
Grey Municipal Telephone Company
Richard Procter and William Cam-
eron were elected directors, and D.
C. Ross was chosen as successor to
the late F. O. Scott. Mr. Procter is
the new president.

PICK DELEGATES FOR PARTY RALLY

CHATHAM, Feb. 18.—The ex-
ecutive of the West Kent Liberal As-
sociation, in session here this after-
noon, appointed delegates to rep-
resent this constituency at the On-
tario Liberal convention which will
be held in Toronto on March 1 and 2.
The delegates are: Thomas Odette
of Tilbury, James Newkirk of Chat-
ham, James Brady of Merlin and John
Zavitz of Wallaceburg.
The alternatives are: Thomas
Robinson of Coatsworth, S. White of
Raleigh, James Slater of Chatham
Township, Reeve T. F. Hinnegan of
Wallaceburg, Fred Pinsonneault of
Dover, J. A. Watker, K.C., of Chat-
ham, and James Smith of Tilbury
East.

P. L. EGAN HEADS LIBRARY BOARD

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 19.—P. L. Egan
of this city was re-elected chairman
of the St. Thomas Public Library
board at the annual meeting of that
body. The vice-chairman will be Dr.
G. T. Kennedy, while Dr. F. E. Mead
was re-elected secretary. Dr. C. B.
Taylor was appointed chairman of the
magazine committee and W. H.
Murch chairman of the book com-
mittee.
The number of borrowers was in-
creased during the past year by 1,815.
The list now totals 10,734. It was
reported. The value of the books on
the shelves of the library was placed
at \$13,374.11.
It is expected that the number of
juvenile borrowers will greatly in-
crease when the children's depart-
ment is completed.

Seventy-two per-cent
of all
trucks in
Ontario
are 1-Ton
trucks
- and
nine out of every ten
one-ton trucks are
Ford Trucks

There is a body to suit your needs—Canopy Top, Express or Stake Bodies are now standard and can be obtained from any Ford dealer.

Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, Ford, Ontario

A. S. M.
Hutchinson

BEST BOOK OF THE DECADE

"If Winter Comes"

By A. S. M. HUTCHINSON

Everyone is talking about this great novel which is today the best seller in Europe and Canada. It will begin serially in

The London Advertiser

Next Saturday, February 25