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The Woman War Spy—How She Has Brought Her Charms and Talents to Play in Great Struggle

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Betrayal of Russians.

It was a woman (name withheld by the censors) who also helped Col. Miasoyedoff betray the Tenth Russian army into the hands of the Germans in the Masurian lake fighting in March, 1915, causing the annihilation of several regiments. Miasoyedoff was interpreter for Baron Sievers, the commandant, who trusted him completely during the Russian advance into East Prussia. And Miasoyedoff, instead of having Russia's interests at heart, was a German spy, and, in addition to misleading the Russian army into treacherous country, was at the same time informing Von Hindenburg of the best place and the best time to strike.

This he effected through the assistance of several accomplices, one of whom was a woman. She, it is reported, received his messages in the Russian camp while pretending she was a peasant, and then relayed them to other accomplices until the information reached the German headquarters. Isabella Wade, a former Chicago girl and a brilliant musician, was arrested by Italian authorities in Milan last June on the charge of being the accomplice of Martin Schehammer, a dashing young Bavarian officer, accused of espionage. Her apartment, in which she was living under the name of Marguerite Martello, was searched and the officers found a va-

lize crammed full of papers and correspondence regarding the strategic points in the provinces of Alessandria, Verona, Bassano, and Udine. Another package of letters, hidden under the floor, indicated that Miss Wade herself was in correspondence with the German War Office. They were both arrested. Miss Wade declared that she was innocent of any wrongdoing and had merely taken the valise at the Bavarian officer's request because he told her that he feared arrest. All through the summer they languished in jail, unable to see each other, and then in September, although the evidence seemed strong enough to convict them, they were released. That is, the cablegrams said they were released—but in the dark game of espionage and war, who knows?

Spy for Twenty Years.

Then there was Mme. Bertha Trost and her "beauty shop" in Clifford street, London, where for twenty years she piled her trade as a German spy before she was detected. But it was in her beautiful home in Marlborough road that the real secrets were gained, not in the shop, which was just an "excuse" for the mansion. For in the luxurious rooms of her home Mme. Trost, with a dozen other beautiful spies, used to entertain big men in the British political world, and from their lips, which she made babulously by rare wines and warm caresses, she learned, slowly enough, rare and forbidden facts which a week later always found their way to Berlin, and she was deported. But no one knew how many state secrets she carried away in the wise head that rested beneath her poke bonnet—a form of wearing apparel that had established her as one of London's strange characters.

The last to face the firing squad according to recent cables, was beautiful Sari Petras, the Hungarian actress, one of the loveliest and most charming women on the continental stage. But the loveliness that had made possible her treachery to her native country, had lured to her side accomplices in the persons to young officers who were fascinated by her, counted for nothing when it was learned that she was a British spy, for she was stoned up and executed promptly in Budapest.

Fainted Before Death.

This was the one crisis in Sari Petras' life that she faced alone, the one suffering that she bore unaided, for always before there had been men to help before there had been men to help bear her burdens or take them from her shoulders completely. Consequently it was too much for her, and as she faced the cold muzzles of the rifles she seemed to crumble and drop so that even before the command had been given she was unconscious—she had fainted.

As she sank the rifles barked, and Sari Petras, the woman who had charmed a nation, was dead—dead in the Budapest that loved and trusted her so well.

Behind all this is the story of its cause. When the war broke out she was playing "The Marriage Market" in London, but at once returned to Budapest, where her parties and balls given to Austrian and Hungarian officers were the talk of Bohemia, so splendid and so repeated were they. What the beautiful actress learned from her military guests may be judged from the letters that repose in the British War Office, letters, it was said, that were packed with facts concerning Austrian fortifications and plans. These letters she sent by way of Switzerland through the influence of young officers who were infatuated with her loveliness, and then one day one of these letters was intercepted.

Betrayed by Officer.

Had Sari Petras looked a little farther ahead, planned a little more carefully, it is not likely that she would have met the end she did; in fact, had she taken the pains never to arouse the jealousy of any of her admirers too far she never would have been betrayed—for betrayed she was by an officer with whom she had quarrelled and who in retaliation informed the authorities of her activities.

So Sari Petras was trapped by her own beauty and by one of the fools to whom she blew kisses one moment and laughed at the next.

Thus they work, the women spies. Letters of British soldiers say that the German women spies are everywhere. They light haystacks behind British lines, so that the Germans making a night attack, may see the enemy but not be seen. They are on the battlefield, in the hospital, in the home, burrowing, burrowing always after the forbidden fact that their government demands, playing the

Pensions for the Returned Soldiers

Ottawa, April 12.—The Military Hospital Commission announces that the new Central Convalescent Hospital at London, Ont., is now in operation. This building has been loaned to the Commission by arrangement with the board of

Victoria Hospital, London, and has accommodation for 130 men. The Commission has urged upon the parliamentary commission on pensions, now sitting, that a man's pension should not be affected if he increase his earning power by applying himself earnestly and diligently to acquiring a new trade or occupation. Mr. W. M. Dohell of Quebec, one of the Commission in Europe, and Mr. E. H. Scammell, secretary of the Commission, both gave evidence in favor of making the amount of the pension independent of the man's earning power.

Mr. B. Kidner, vocational secretary, states that the organization of the Commission's educational work is proceeding rapidly. Classes have been opened this week in the homes in Montreal, and excellent work is also being done elsewhere. A great deal of interest is being taken in the question of blinded soldiers, but it is reassuring to note that only four cases of blinded soldiers have been reported to the Commission as having returned to Canada, and of these one is likely to recover his sight.

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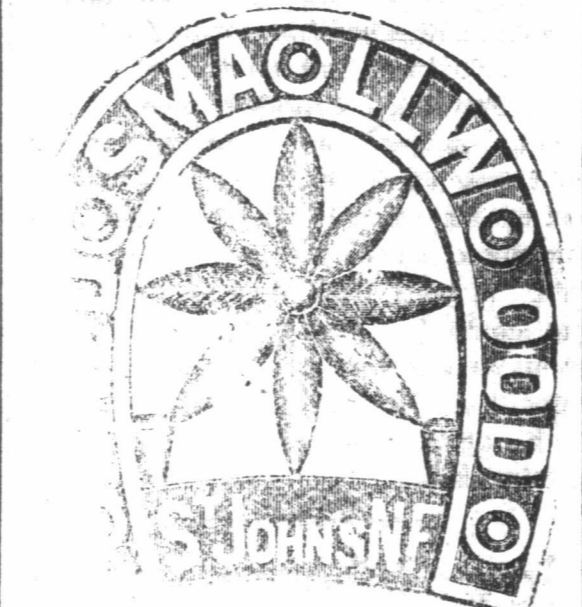
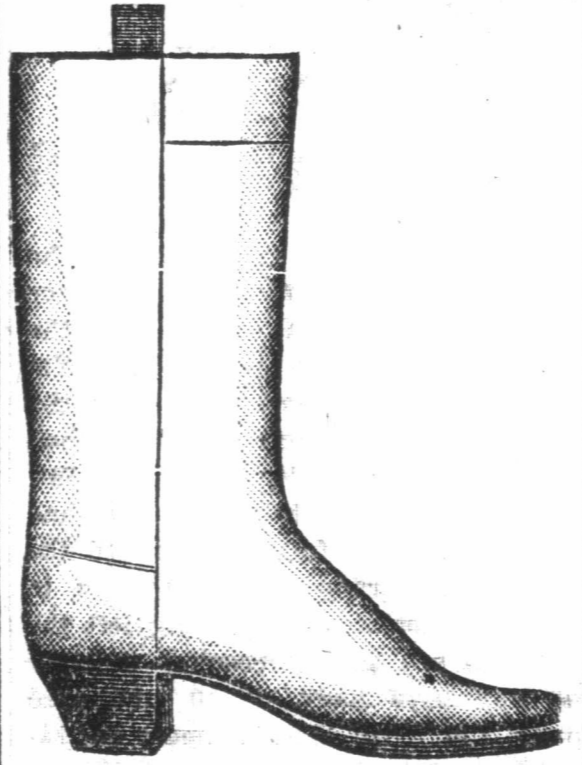
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